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PREFACE.

This book is intended to put in convenient form for handy reference sketches, transcripts of records and other data which have been collected for some years and which seemed worthy to be embodied in book form. The writer is especially indebted to Wallace D. Humiston for assistance in the work. While errors may be found in the names and dates it should be remembered that most of them are probably in the original records, as any who have had experience in similar research knows that names are variously spelled at different times, and dates are not always correctly entered, as for instance the writer has sometimes found on careful investigation that the date of a marriage license has been recorded in place of the date of a marriage, and a date of burial instead of death.

The writer has collected largely of genealogical data of many Bethany families but is unable at present to devote the time necessary to carry them to such a degree of completion as would warrant their insertion here, and the work is therefore of necessity brought to a close.

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THE FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Bethany was incorporated as a town in May, 1832, but as an ecclesiastical society it has an honorable record which antedates the Revolution by twelve years and contributed liberally of men and means during that great epoch of history.

It was in May, 1762, that a petition was presented to the General Assembly, signed by "Joel Hotchkiss and others, inhabitants of the northern parts of the parish of Amity, in the town of New Haven, praying to be made a distinct ecclesiastical society with proper limits and bounds;" and a committee was appointed to hear the parties interested and to report at the next session of the General Assembly.

At the October session ("on the second Thursday of October") a favorable report was made, and it was enacted that the "inhabitants of the parish of Amity living north of an east and west line drawn from the south end of the widow Hannah Sperry's dwelling house, as prayed for in said memorial, shall be a distinct ecclesiastical society, with all the privileges and powers naturally belonging to such societies in this Colony, and shall be called and known by the name of Bethany."

The first meeting of the new society was held Nov. 13, 1762. The record reads, "At a Lawful Society meeting of the inhabitants of bethany in newhaven and milford held at the schoolhouse in sd bethany," etc.

Deacon Joel Hotchkiss was elected moderator, James Sherman clerk, and Timothy Peck, John White, Isaae Beecher, Daniel Toles and Joel Hotchkiss were

chosen societies' committee. It was "voted that the meetings shall begin on the second Sabbath in December and hold until the last in April."

"Voted that a raight be laid of a penny half-penny on the pound for defraying the charges of preaching the year ensuing "

The next winter the meetings were to begin on the second Sabbath in November and application was made "unto the Reverend Association for a minister to be settled among us." At the meeting of the Association of New Haven County, convened in Waterbury May 31st, 1763, Mr. Stephen Hawley was recommended. He was called on probation for the first Wednesday in June, 1763, for three months, and on the 3d Wednesday in August it was voted "to settle him in the work of the ministry amongst us," and to allow him 200 pounds settlement, "100 pounds the first year after he is first settled, one-half of settlement, and 50 pounds yearly the next two years, with 50 pounds salary a year the first three years, then 65 pounds a year."

"On the second Wednesday of December, 1767, it was voted that it is necessary to build a meetinghouse." It was also voted to make it 50 ft. long and 40 ft. wide and a rate of four pence on the pound was laid to defray the expense, "the rate to be laid in flax seed or some other speeshe that will answer at New York."

At a meeting of the society held on the last Wednesday of April, 1768, "it was voted that this society will make applycation to the honourable general assembly

for the one bit purchis in milford bound that lyeth south of the top of beacon hill and also for that part of Darby that lyeth between bethany and nawgetuck river to be annexed to sd. Bethany." The petition was granted at the January session of the General Assembly, 1769, in the following words:

"Resolved by this assembly, that the said lands belonging to the first society of Milford which lies north of said Bethany south line extending westward until it came to said Derby east line be, and they hereby are, annexed unto the said society of Bethany and made part thereof."

At a meeting in December, 1763, it was "voted that we will get timber this winter and set up the meetinghouse next spring and cover it as fast as we conveniently can. Dea. Hotchkiss, Dea. White, Capt. Hitchcock, Capt. Lines, Mr. Jesse Bradley, Mr. Hez. Clark and Mr. Timothy Peck shall be a committee to carry on the building abovesaid."

"Voted, that those that skoar timber for the meetinghouse shall have two shilling and sixpence pr day."

"Voted that those that hew shall have three shillings and sixpence pr day."

"Voted that we will apply to the county court for a new committee to stait a plase for the meetinghouse."

The location finally decided upon was on the hill a little south of where the church now stands. There the church was erected in 1769, and enclosed so that services were held in it, though not completed until some years later.

"The sum total of Bethany rate book in the year 1776 is £7524-8-1. Then take out ye Churchmen's list, and there remains on the list 6720:11:0, at 2d half penny on ye pound makes 69:17:5, then take out one penny on New Haven side which makes 23:9:3; then remains on ye book 46:8:2."

Ensign JOEL HOTCHKIS, Collector.

Timothy Ball was one of the committee in 1766 and two years later is referred to as Lient. Ball. The use of military terms had become more common in 1778 as shown in the record of the choice of the society's committee, Capt. Ball, Capt. E. Sperry, Ensign Jacob Hotchkiss, Jared Sherman and Ensign Joel Hotchkis. A rate of two pence on the pound was then voted. At this meeting it was also "voted yt ye Society shall pay Mr. Hawley's Salary in Provisions, Labor & other Species according to ye first stateing of provisions by ye general assembly, wheet at 3-6 & other things in Proportion, & those yt Doant pay in ye afforsd Species of Provisions &c., shall pay money equivalent."

"Voted yt Deacon Peck, Capt. Ball & Ensign Jacob Hotchkiss should be a committee to seat ye meetinghouse."

"Voted yt ye Committee shall have regard to age & what each one has paid to ye building of sd house & according to their discretion with all."

A diagram of the church with names of pewholders as assigned in 1791 has been preserved and from it the illustration given herewith has been made. The original drawing is 13 3/4-16x18 inches, on hand made paper 15 1/2x18 3/4, with two watermarks, one a crown over G R, (Georgius Rex) and the other the name TAYLOR. In it the pews are not numbered, the names being written in the space representing each pew, but in the reduced copy given herewith numbers have been inserted and the names are given below.

1. Deacons.
2. Widow Ruth Brisco, Lydia Peck, Hannah Sperry.
- 3 and 4. No names given.
5. Capt. Ezra Speiry, Mr. Daniel Tolles, Mr. John Thomas, Capt. Joel Hotchkiss, Widow Mary Ball.
6. Mr. Roger Peck, Lieut. Medad Hotchkiss, Mr. Valentine Willmott, Widow Sarah Andrews.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

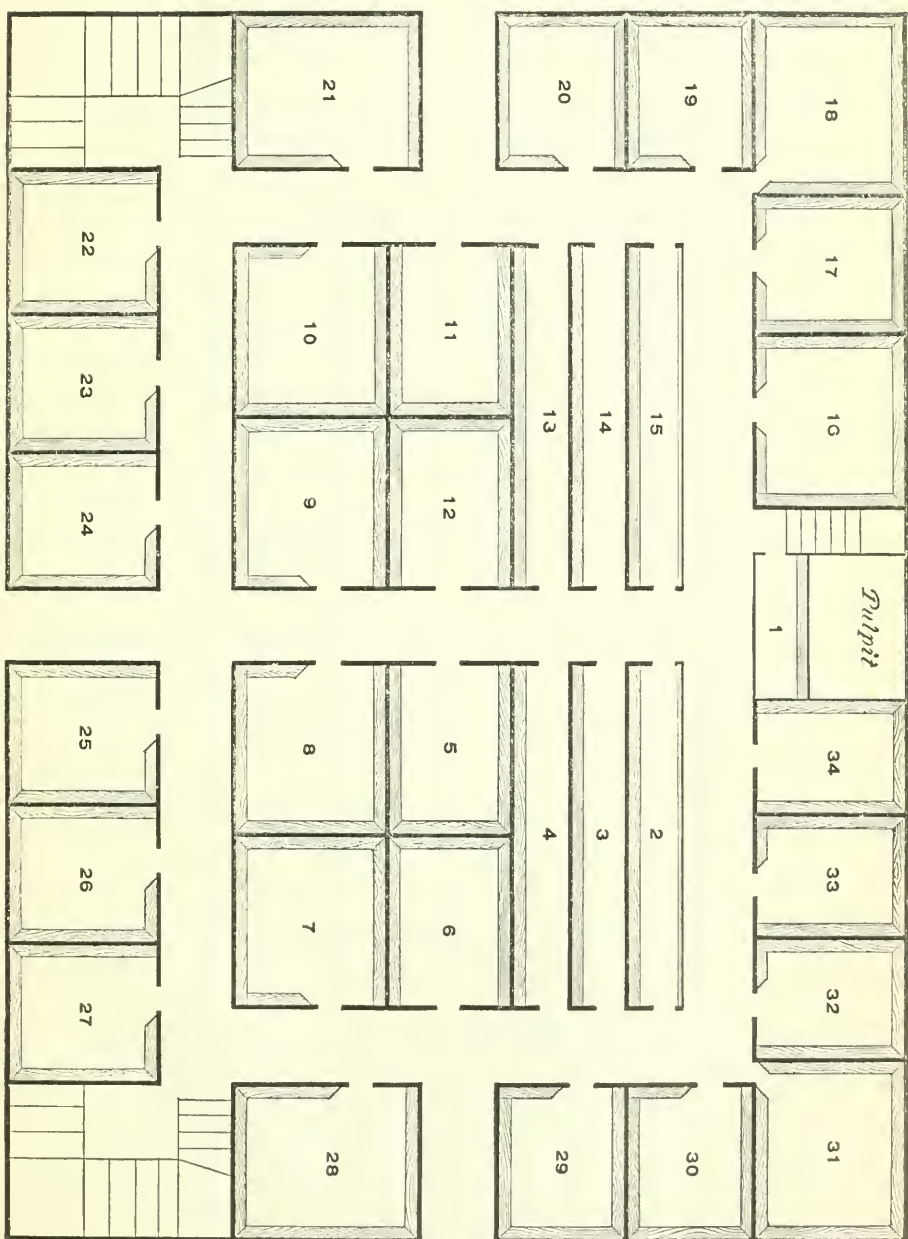


DIAGRAM OF PEWS.

7. Mr. Timothy Bronson, Mr. Benjamin Hotchkiss, Mr. Elam Sperry, Mr. Timothy Lounsbury, Jr., Mr. Jesse Terrel.
8. Widow Hannah Beecher, Mr. Lambert Tolles, Mr. Timothy Ball, Mr. Jared Tolles, Widow Perkins.
9. Lieut. Jesse Beecher, Mr. Jared Beecher, Mr. Hezekiah Beecher.
10. Mr. Samuel Hotchkiss, Mr. John Russell, Mr. Elias Hotchkiss, Mr. Eber Lines.
11. Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Hezekiah Johnson, Mr. Joseph Bishop, Mr. Eden Johnson.
12. Ensign Jacob Hotchkiss, Mr. Hezekiah Sperry, Mr. Nathaniel Tuttle, Mr. Joseph Hotchkiss.
13. Messrs. Ezekial Smith, Abraham Pain, Jacob Barnes, David Beers, Jonathan Sackett, Silas Nelson.
14. Messrs. Stephen Lounsbury, Abel Ives, Joseph Collins, Reuben Bradley, Elihu Sanford, Joseph Woolcott, Stephen Sanford.
15. Messrs. Isaac Beecher, Valentine Willmott, Amos Hitchcock, John Lines, Sam'l Downs, Abijah Buckingham, John Wooding, Jonathan Atwater, Esquire French.
16. Rev. Stephen Hawley's family.
17. Mr. Timothy Lounsbury, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Oliver Buckingham, Capt. Elijah Sperry.
18. Capt. Lazarus Tolles, David Sanford, John Alsop Talmadge, Mr. Amos Atwater, Mr. Anasa Tuttle, Elihu Sanford, Jr.
19. Mr. Reuben Sperry, Mr. Lucas Lines, Widow Phebe Tirrel, Mr. Caleb Andrus, Mr. Demas Sperry.
20. Ensign Garshom Thomas, Mr. Amos Thomas, Mr. Ebenezer Hitchcock, Mr. Isaac Foot, Mr. John Nettleton, Mr. Isaac Sperry.
21. Mr. Lemuel Alling, Mr. Joel Collins, Mr. Joseph Hitchcock, Mr. David Atwater, Mr. Medad Sperry, Mr. Joseph Collins, Mehetibal Sanford.
22. Mr. Linus Lounsbury, Mr. Noah Alling, Mr. Nathan Beer, John Russell.
23. Mr. Joel Hotchkiss, Jr., Mr. Joseph Downs, Mr. Felix Downs, Mr. Jonathan Sanford.
24. Mr. Joel Wheeler, Mr. Isaac Hotchkiss, Mr. Aaron Clark, Mr. Timothy Hitchcock, Widow Mary Brisco.
25. Lieut. Abraham Tolles, Mr. Noah Thomas, Mr. Saml. Peck, Mr. Edward Warren, Widow Sarah Nettleton.
26. Mr. Justus Beecher, Mr. Wheeler Beecher, Mr. Nathaniel Warren, Mr. Elias Lounsbury, Mr. John Tirrel, Mr. Thomas Kimbal.
27. No names entered.
28. Mr. Jonathan Smith, Mr. David Willmott, Mr. Walter Willmott, Mr. Matthew Baldwin, Mr. William Hitchcock, Mr. David E. Hotchkiss.
29. Mr. Ebenezer Lines, Mr. Uri Sperry, Mr. Amos Hitchcock, Mr. Robert Russell, Mr. James I. Hotchkiss, Mr. Benjamin Collins.
30. Mr. Jabez Hotchkiss, Mr. Abraham Hotchkiss, Mr. Stephen Hotchkiss, Mr. Elmore Russel.
31. Mr. Reuben Perkins, Mr. Phenihaz Tirrel, Mr. Ezekiel Hotchkiss, Mr. John Thomas, Jr., Mr. Israel Perkins, Mr. William Andrew.
32. Capt. Hine, Capt. Thomas, Lieut. Atwater, Eliphalet Johnson.
33. Mr. Daniel Beecher, Deacons' wives, Capt. Sanford.
34. Widow Anne Russell, Widow Rebecca Hitchcock, Widow Sarah Downs

We are told that the meetinghouse was partially surrounded by "Sabbath Day Houses" in which in cold weather fires were built on arrival in the morning. After the morning service all left the unwarmed church for these buildings, and ate their dinners in the cheering warmth of the fires in the stone "fireplaces."

The location of the church had been made by a committee appointed by the County Court. Difficulties seem to have arisen; a second application to the Court was made in 1768, and a third in 1769; and at length in May, 1769, it was voted "that we are willing to build a meetinghouse at the last stake set by the Honorable County Court's Committee." On this question there were 29 in the affirmative and 10 in the negative. A committee consisting of Isaac Beecher, Ensign Clark and Israel Thomas was appointed to purchase the land of Isaac Hotchkiss.

Of the votes taken while the preparations for building were in progress some were recorded which illustrate some customs of the times. In December, 1767, it was voted "that we will provide the boards, clapboards shingles, nails and glass necessary for building a meetinghouse the year ensuing" A tax was laid, and it was decided that one half might be paid "in flax seed, or some other species that will answer at New York." The Society fixed the prices to be paid for the different kinds of lumber.

In December, 1768, a vote was passed, "that we will get timber this winter, and set up the meetinghouse as fast as we conveniently can." It was ordered "that those that score timber for the meetinghouse shall have two shillings and sixpence per day; and those that hew shall have three shillings and sixpence per day." Deacon White and Deacon Hotchkiss were appointed "to cull the clapboards and shingles for the meetinghouse."

In March, 1769, it was voted "that this Society give free liberty for a belfry to be built on the meetinghouse;" but this liberty was not then used. In January, 1770, the Society meeting was held in the meetinghouse for the first time.

It was customary to appoint particular persons "to tune the psalm." In 1765, the choristers were Valentine Wilmot, Benajah Peck and Stephen Sanford. In 1770, on entering the new church, a larger number received this appointment, viz: Isaac Baldwin, Joel Hotchkiss, Thomas Beecher, Anan Ives, Lazarus Tolles, Timothy Lounsbury, Nathaniel Tuttle and Nehemiah Tolles. At this time it was voted "that the choristers sit together near the foot of the pulpit stairs."

In 1771 a committee was appointed "to give liberty to people to build pews in the meetinghouse, where they see cause." In 1773 a tax was laid "to color the meetinghouse and case the windows, and to provide boards for the inside of the house." In 1774 a vote was passed "that the meetinghouse be colored blue, and the windows white;" but soon a special meeting was called "for the purpose of altering the color of the meetinghouse;" and it was decided to color it white. In December, 1776 it was voted "to finish the lower part of the meetinghouse, and the front of the galleries."

In 1777 Nathanael Tuttle, Isaac Baldwin, Daniel Tolles and Joel Hine were chosen "to tune the psalm, and sit in the fore seat in the front gallery." In 1778 it was voted "that the Society shall pay Mr. Hawley's salary in provisions, labor, and other species, according to the first stating of provisions by the General Assembly—wheat at six shillings, and other things in proportion; and those that do not pay in the aforesaid species of provisions, &c, shall pay money equivalent."

At the same meeting a committee was appointed to seat the meetinghouse—viz: Deacon Peck, Capt. Ball, and Ensign Jacob Hotchkiss; and it was ordered that "the committee shall have regard to age, and what each one has paid to the building of said house, and according to their discretion with all." In December,

1779, a vote was passed "that the committee shall lay out the overplus money of finishing the meetinghouse, on the steps and other ways as they think best."

Thus, at the end of ten years from its raising, the house seems to have been considered finished. In 1791 the Society voted "to take up three seats in the square body, and build pews on each side of the broad alley." In 1792 it was resolved "That the Society may build a steeple to the meetinghouse, if they can get money enough signed to build said steeple." But the steeple and bell were not added until 1803.

There were three entrances, north, south and east, the latter being the principal one and facing the street and opening into the central aisle. It will be noticed that the large pews had seats on four sides, except only at the place of entrance, so that some, it is said the children, sat with their backs to the minister. There were doors to each pew, as was common until within half a century.

Most of the old churches were not lathed or plastered, but we are told that this was the exception to the rule, but as churches were not warmed in those days, it was cold in winter, and even with the "Sabbaday houses" and their cheerful warmth to resort to before and after service, it must have often been a great trial to endure the cold during the services, notwithstanding the relief to some by means of box frames lined with perforated tin, which were filled with live coals from the fires in the Sabbaday houses and carried into the church for footwarmers.

The pulpit was very high, so that the minister could have a fair view of the galleries which extended across three sides of the church and were reached by stairways in the northeast and southeast corners of the church.

The "meetinghouse" of a century ago was often the only place in town suitable for a town meeting, and it was not thought inappropriate to hold within its walls the yearly meeting to arrange town affairs for the ensuing twelve months.

It is interesting to note that there were paid singers a hundred years ago, as we find under date of 1793 an entry of £2 paid Isaac Foot for singing, as well as £1:5s to Eber Lines for sweeping the meetinghouse.

THE CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

BY W. D. HUMISTON.

Two centuries ago but very few settlers had sought homes in the vast and almost trackless forest which prevailed in the northern part of New Haven, and what now comprises the town of Bethany. A few, however, had built rude cabins on the Mattatuck Turnpike, Straits Highway and Downs Street at base of Mad Mare's Hill. These localities are still sometimes called by the names which the early settlers gave them.

The first settlers found themselves far from any place of public worship, yet every Sabbath found them wending their way fully armed against the dusky savages, who might lurk in the deep recesses of the forest, to the meeting-house on New Haven green.

A few years later Amity Parish was incorporated, and for over twenty years the inhabitants of the present towns of Bethany and Woodbridge formed but one ecclesiastical society. On the Lord's Day and on other occasions our fathers, the hardy pioneers of this forest town, assembled at the meeting-house of the parish of Amity and offered up their devotions as a united body. For seven or eight miles in all directions these men of God descended from the breezy, life-giving hills, to the temple down in the valley, to pay this debt of duty to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. Their affections during these years entwined themselves around the old sanctuary. They loved their kind pastor, Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, and the great inconvenience of the remote parts of their parish could scarcely in-

duce them to think of forming a new society and forming new church relations.

But at length the time came when it seemed necessary to many to separate from the old society and attempt the formation of a new one. And accordingly a memorial was sent to the May session of the General Assembly in 1763. A committee was appointed to view the circumstances and report. This committee, having attended to the duties of their appointment, reported favorably and a distinct ecclesiastical society was incorporated and named Bethany. The following is a copy of the original charter:

"BETHANY MADE A DISTINCT ECCLESIASTICAL AND CIVIL SOCIETY, SIMILAR TO OTHER PARISHES IN THE COLONY, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT."

"At a General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, held at New Haven, on the second Thursday of October, A. D. 1763, upon the memorial of Joel Hotchkiss and others, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Amity, living north of an east and west line drawn from the dwelling house of the Widow Hannah Sperry,

Preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in May last; representing the inconveniences they are under in attending the public worship, &c., and praying for said Privileges; a Committee was granted, &c., which Committee having made report to this Assembly

of their Opinion, that said Memorialists and Inhabitants dwelling north of said east and west line should be made a Society, &c., which report being accepted by this Assembly,

"Thereupon it is enacted and ordered, That said Inhabitants of the Parish of Amity, living north of an east and west line drawn from south end of the Widow Hannah Sperry's dwelling House, as prayed for in said Memorial, shall be and they are hereby made a distinct Ecclesiastical Society, with all the Privileges and Powers usually belonging to such Societies in this Colony,.....and shall be called and known by the name of.....Bethany, A true copy examined.

"By George Wyllis, Secretary."

The parish of Bethany is one of the oldest in this vicinity, and at the time of its incorporation was bounded on the north by the parish of Waterbury, west by Oxford and Derby, south by Amity and east by North Haven. The society began at once to exercise its power by levying a tax "at a penny halfpenny for defraying the charges of preaching the year ensuing." The parsonage lands lying in Bethany, having been sold by Amity, action was taken at once to recover them. A committee was appointed to receive from the Amity committee the bonds for "the three publick lots that they have sold in s'd Bethany and which was a parsonage for s'd Society."

The church now deemed it necessary to settle a suitable minister over the parish, and accordingly, on April 20, 1763, Deacon Joel Hotchkiss and Timothy Peck were appointed to confer with the Reverend Association in order to obtain their advice concerning a candidate. At a meeting of this association convened at Waterbury Stephen Hawley was strongly recommended to the Society, Isaac Beecher and

Samuel Downs were appointed to be a Com^{tee}. to apply unto Mr. Stephen Hawley to call him upon three months' probation in order for settlement." Two hundred pounds settlement was voted. This was to be paid in three years; one hundred pounds the first year and fifty the two remaining years. Mr. Hawley was to receive fifty pounds salary the first year, and this was to increase with the parish lists to seventyfive. On being informed of these votes, the Rev. Stephen Hawley sent this reply:

"To the people of Bethany:

"Hoping that love and unanimity and the grace of our common Lord Jesus Christ may be multiplied among you, I have taken into consideration your public votes and desires that I would settle among you in the arduous employment of the gospell ministry, and also the settlement you have offered me, together with the salary for my yearly maintainance, and I think that what you have done for me is both generous and honorable, and I return my hearty thanks for your Christian good will. I firmly rely upon it that you will not see me in indigent circumstances and turn off your bowels of tenderness and relief. I depend upon it that you will conduct towards me as an ambassador and servant of Christ, and yet as a treasure in an earthen vessel and subject to many infirmities.

"Upon these conditions I accept of your propositions, and am willing to settle among you unless something very material happens before the ordination.

"May the God of Truth guide our hearts into all truth, and by the grace of God may we so behave as that our neighbor societys may see how beautiful it is to dwell together in unity.

"STEPHEN HAWLEY.

"Bethany, Sept. 12, 1763."

The ordination of Rev. Stephen Hawley took place on Oct. 12, 1663. The ordination services were performed in a field about one mile south of the present church, near the first Bethany meeting house, a small building erected on the corner opposite the home of Willham Smith, for public worship, but never entirely finished. Several ministers of other parishes were present, among whom was the Rev. Dr. Trumbull of North Haven, the famous historian of Connecticut.

In the early days of which we are speaking the singing was done in the following manner: A person was appointed to act as chorister or "to set the psalm," who selected and "pitched" the tunes; then a line or two was read off, when the whole congregation joined in singing them, and thus proceeding alternately to read and sing the lines until the whole psalm had been sung. By an action taken by the society Valentine Willmott and Stephen Sanford were appointed to tune the psalm.

During the early history of the church rates were levied repeatedly through the year, sometimes being as heavy as two shillings on the pound. These taxes might be paid in provisions, however, if the people so wished.

A word might be inserted here concerning the records of the society. Of the three earliest records dating from 1762 but two are now extant, the bank book and the record of the society meetings. The third, a record of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths in the society for a long period, of prime importance to genealogists, is unfortunately missing. The prominent surnames that appear in the early records are given below:

Alling, Andrew, Andrews, Atwater, Baldwin, Ball, Barnes, Beecher, Beers, Bishop, Bradley, Brisco, Brown, Buckingham, Carrington, Clark, Collins,

Downs, French, Foot, Grinnel, Hine, Hitchcock, Hooker, Hotchkiss, Ives, Johnson, Kimball, Lines, Lounsbury, Nelson, Nettleton, Pain, Peck, Perkins, Russell, Sackett, Sanford, Sherman, Smith, Sperry, Talmadge, Terrel, Thomas, Todd, Tolles, Turner, Tuttle, Warren, Wheeler, Wilmott, White, Wolcott and Wooding.

In 1756 it was found necessary to build a larger meeting house to accommodate the increasing congregation, and application was made to the County court for a committee to look over their situation and choose a site. Much difficulty was experienced in choosing a suitable situation, and three committees were elected before a location could be agreed upon, and even then ten members opposed. The site was located on the north side of the road leading over the hill from the turnpike near the residence of James Cotter. The meadow on which James Cotter's carriage house now stands was the meeting house green, the church being on the western side. On the north was the mansion of Dr. Hezekiah Hooker, and the south and east sides respectively the residences of Rev. Stephen Hawley and Capt. Ebenezer Dayton.

Capt. Dayton's residence, of Revolutionary fame, is now the only one remaining, although the Buckingham place is built on Rev. Stephen Hawley's cellar. The cellar place of Dr. Hooker's mansion is still visible.

It was voted that the meetinghouse should be fiftyfive feet in length and forty in width, and that material for building it should be furnished during the ensuing year. "Dear Hotchkiss, Dea. White, Capt. Hitchcock, Capt. Lines, Mr. Jesse Bradley, Mr. Hez. Clark and Mr. Timothy Peck" were appointed "a committee to carry on the building above said. Timothy Ball

and Isaac Beecher were soon afterward added to this number. Application was made to the General Assembly to enlarge the parish by annexing the tract of land belonging to the town of Milford "which lyeth south of the top of beacon hill, and also for that part of Derby that lyeth between bethany and nawgetuck river." The exterior of the meeting house was completed in 1769, and services were held in it at this time, although the interior was not entirely finished until several years afterward.

The society now had a church edifice of which they might be justly proud, since it was one of the largest and most expensive in the region and considerably larger than either of the churches now at the Center. Besides the galleries and choir loft, it contained nearly thirty large square pews, arranged in two central "square bodies," and in a row about the sides, with the exception of spaces reserved for the pulpit and the three entrances. The pulpit was on the western side of the church and was reached by a number of steps. The whole was surmounted by a huge green sounding board." Beneath the pulpit was a long seat on which the deacons sat facing the congregation. The tall white spire of Bethany meeting house was one of the most conspicuous objects that met the sailor's eye as he entered New Haven harbor.

In 1783 the parishes of Bethany and Amity united their efforts in trying to secure town privileges, but they could not agree as to the location of the town house. After Bethany had made many proposals, none of which were accepted by Amity, it was decided to petition the General Assembly to be made into a separate town, but Amity coming to terms, the two parishes were incorporated under the name of Woodbridge.

Similar attempts were made in 1802 and 1804 to have the parish incorporated a town, and at last successfully in 1832.

The ringing of curfew was observed in Bethany long after it had become obsolete in other parts of the country. The old meeting house bell was rung here until the early part of last century at nine o'clock in the evening, Sundays included. It was a signal for the inhabitants to cover their fires and retire for the night.

Rev. Stephen Hawley died July 17, 1804, in the fortyfirst year of ministry and the sixtysixth of his life. For a short period preceding his death he was unable to perform all the duties of his pastoral office.

He was an intelligent and honest preacher, exemplary and faithful in all the relations and duties of life. He was twice married and had, it is believed, several children whose names are now unknown, with the exception of Spencer, who died in 1803. Mary Bellamy, his first wife, died in 1791, and his widow, Mehetable Hotchkiss, November, 1827, aged 66. The aged pastor was buried in the old cemetery and there reposes, surrounded by his family and a numerous congregation, slumbering, and many of whom he himself, while living, had followed to the grave. As in life he was ever united to his people, so in death they are not divided.

At this point in the ecclesiastical history of our town it would be well to glance back on the difficulties which surrounded the lives of the early fathers in the church. Many of them, before coming to this wilderness, had comfortable estates on the other side of the sea, but they came for conscience sake and made light of their privations.

It was their aim, in establishing the many towns, to erect churches in

strict accordance to Scriptural example and to transmit civil and religious liberty to their posterity. All their acts and designs tended to the accomplishment of this grand purpose, and therefore all persons were obliged to contribute to the support of the church and ministry. All must attend the public worship. The Congregational mode of worship was adopted and established by law, but all orthodox persons dissenting could, upon application to the General Court, worship in their own manner. Such persons, however, were beheld with distrust. Our fathers, who desired religious freedom and perilled all for it, probably had not anticipated that they would speedily be called upon to extend the toleration to others for which they had vainly sought in the mother country, and at first they viewed with alarm any departure from the established discipline or doctrine, yet they had the germ of toleration and developed with more rapidity, it is believed, than any other christian sect can show. In early times the influence of the clergy was much greater than at present. The majority of them were wealthy and could help their parishioners out of their financial difficulties. They also were the most highly educated and possessed a large amount of the literature of the colony. They prepared the young men for college and afterwards assisted them in their studies, and in return the people loved and respected them.

The Puritan Sabbath began, according to Scriptural injunction, at sunset Saturday, the "day of preparation," and all unnecessary work was laid aside. At the sound of the meeting-house bell on the Lord's Day the industrious inhabitants prepared for the journey to the house of God, on foot or horseback as their means allowed. The huge old meeting-house was built upon the high-

est hill at the intersection of roads leading to various parts of the parish and as near the geographical center as possible. But the people went up to the sanctuary though bitter storms were in the air and the wild wind howled drearily about the bleak hill. At that time the possibility of heating the meeting-house by stoves or fire-places had never entered the minds of men, and hence the only heat was derived from the small foot-stoves which the wealthier matrons carried with them. No matter how severe the weather, the worshipper, who perhaps had waded three or four miles through roads drifted with deep snow, sat with heroic fortitude for an hour and a half, and then at intermission repaired to the glowing fires of the parsonage or union schoolhouse, which was rented for that purpose. Then another hour and half in the warm meeting-house completed the service of the day, and they were dismissed to the long, cold ride home. The remaining hours of the Sabbath were spent in the employments appropriate to the conclusion of the day of rest. But the early settlers of long since departed and several generations sleep with them. It is to be feared that many of their valuable customs and precepts have departed with them.

For a short period during the last year of his ministry Rev. Stephen Hawley's health did not permit him to discharge all his pastoral duties, and the society found it necessary to install a colleague with him in the person of Mr. Isaac Jones. Rev. Isaac Jones was ordained June 6, 1804. For many reasons he was disliked by many of his congregation, and a wide breach was opened between the two factions. Rev. Isaac Jones' actions intensified this feeling, and at last it was determined to dissolve his pastoral relation with

the church. The church met many times in order to adjust the difficulty, and finally, after a long debate, the controversy was brought nearly to a close. Before the conclusion of the meeting Col. Joel Hine, the leader of those in favor of Isaac Jones, said, "Now do you not think you ought to make some recantation for what you have said to our party?" David Thom as replied, "No; we think that you ought to acknowledge to us for what you have done." Silence ensued for a few minutes, and then both parties quietly departed and never met again for the same purpose. Soon after Rev. Isaac Jones was deprived of his office by a Council met for this purpose. With about sixty others including the deacons, Pheneas Terrel and Hezekiah Beecher, he "signed off" and united with the Episcopal church, a small body which had been organized a few years previously.

That this sad event did not effect the ruin of the church is due, perhaps, to the spirit of determination to overcome great obstacles which have everywhere characterized the descendants of the Puritans. It deprived the church of nearly or quite one half of its members, but in the following year a large fund of several thousand dollars for the support of the ministry was raised by subscription among the remaining members of the society and added to a fund which had been willed to the church many years before. Donations have been received from time to time until the fund is now nearly double the original amount.

Shortly after the deposition of Isaac Jones Nathaniel G. Huntington was ordained third pastor, in which office he continued until 1823, when his health obliged him to resign much to the regret of the parishioners.

Previous to 1824 no stoves were used

in the meeting-house, but by the aid of warm clothing, foot-stoves and a glowing fire at the parsonage and union schoolhouse at intermission, the congregation seemed unaware of the cold weather. In 1824, however, stoves were placed in the church.

By means of a General Conference convened in this parish, Jan. 17, 1829, a revival occurred and thirtytwo members were added to the church, twenty-five of whom were received in one day, probably the largest number on one occasion since the formation of the society.

Preparations for building the present church edifice were begun by the society in 1830. John Thomas, Silas Hotchkiss, Elihu Sanford, Lewis Thomas, Lewis Hine and Hiram Hotchkiss were appointed a building committee, with the liberty to pull down the old meeting house and to sell the green. From the proceeds of this sale and by subscription the present church was built in 1831 according to plans submitted by Ira Atwater, of New Haven.

Extensive repairs were made on the church in 1851, and a new bell purchased partly by subscription. The old parsonage was sold and the house now occupied by F. A. Perry was purchased and used by the society for a parsonage many years. The church was again repaired a few years later and the wide portico which extended across the church was enclosed in order to enlarge the vestibule.

The centennial of the church was celebrated Oct. 12, 1863, near the site of the first meeting house. Many clergymen and a great concourse of people from various parts of the state attended this celebration. Rev. Dr. Elwood, who was then pastor, conducted the services, consisting of speaking, singing, etc. The assembly then proceeded to the old cemetery and there wit-

nessed the erection of a tombstone in memory of Rev. Stephen Hawley, whose grave had remained unmarked for nearly sixty years. The stone bears the following inscription:

REV. STEPHEN HAWLEY,
FIRST MINISTER OF
BETHANY,
PASTOR FORTY YEARS.

Ordained Oct. 12, 1763.

Died July 17, 1804,

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A few years since an academy was conducted by Rev. W. L. Woodruff in a large hall which was formerly attached to the residence of F. A. Perry. Perry's Hall was built to serve as the gymnasium for the numerous students. Rev. W. L. Woodruff was ordained and installed pastor over the church April 5, 1876. In many ways he was unfit for the holy calling, and two years after ordination a council was called and the pastoral relation dissolved.

The following is a list of the persons who have held the office of deacon as complete as the records show. Their

names appear as far as far as possible in the order in which they were appointed: Joel Hotchkiss, John White, Benajah Peck, Peter Perkins, Phenehas Terrel, Hezekiah Beecher, Jabez Hotchkiss, Jesse Bradley, Theophilus Smith, Clark Hotchkiss, David A. Lounsbury, Edwin N. Clark, Thomas Horsefall and Clifton D. Rosha.

The pulpit is at present supplied by Rev. Mr. Case of New Haven. He is an earnest and thrilling speaker, and his efforts are appreciated by his parishioners.

Thus we have traced the principal vicissitudes of this part of the "church universal down the stream of time for over one hundred and forty years. At times, ever since its incorporation, the storm and whirlwind have passed over it, but by the kindness of Providence it still stands secure and prosperous, notwithstanding the marked decrease in the population of Bethany for the last few decades among its younger sister churches of the various denominations.



SKETCH BY REV. H. W. JOHNSON.

The following historical sketch, by Rev. H. W. Johnson, published in the *Seymour RECORD* Nov. 19, 1896, gives so good a view of the church usages in the olden time, and so many details not before given in the other sketches and compilation, that so much of it is given as is not included in the preceding pages.

There was no preaching here until 1763. There was no meeting house, and as yet no town house. Services were held in the schoolhouse, built 1750, the first one erected in Bethany. * * *

The period of Mr. Hawley's ministry may be said to be the most flourishing and prosperous in the history of the church. It was the period that saw the largest number of influential men. Prominent names were Timothy Peck, Joel Hotchkiss, John White, Isaac Beecher and Daniel Tolles. In piety it was also thorough, even austere, and every action was characterized by fervor and zeal. Religion was pure and hearty. It was a period of strong, intense faith, of firm, unshaken trust, as seen by their persistence during the stress of the Revolutionary War and the years following; but also of good works. There was a jealous care for the things of God, a stern regard for the purity of the church, but also a tender solicitude for one another. The young of the parish were cared for and any delinquent was quickly dealt with. Through the severe trial of the Revolutionary days the faith remained strong and unshaken, and in the face of great hardships they persisted in the work of keeping up preaching and church institutions. During this time the church had paid singers. Expenses were met like modern town expenses by a property rate.

The first church edifice, used for many years until the present building was occupied, stood upon the high hill, just above the house where Mr. James Cotter now lives, and was visible for miles around, in almost all directions. It was one of the first landmarks seen by the sailors entering New Haven harbor. It was a rectangular structure, 40x50 feet, with high pulpit, and with benches just beneath the desk for the leading men singers who had places assigned them. The diagram showing the seating arrangements and the assignments is still preserved. About 175 persons were given seats, as many as six or seven in a square pew, showing that at the time the audiences were large. It was voted that a tax of four pence on the pound, payable in flaxseed or other specie, acceptable in New York, should be levied. The first meeting was held in it in 1770. It was voted that Isaac Balding, Joel Hotchkiss, Thomas Beecher, etc., should tune the Psalm and that the above choristers should sit together near the foot of the pulpit stairs. —

The War of the Revolution made exacting drafts upon the young society. At this time we find the titles Capt., Lieut., Ensign, prefixed to the names of the prominent leaders, and that year (1775) it was voted to pay the salary of Stephen Hawley in provisions, labor, or money if wished, the price of wheat being the standard.

Later 25 cords of wood was paid as part of his salary. In 1803, being advanced in years, a committee was appointed to visit Mr. Hawley and learn on what conditions he would consent to retire. Arriving at terms they secured as their next pastor Rev. Isaac Jones, A. M., evidently a young man of promise and ability as gleaned from his sermons at that time. His first sermon after ordination is in print, as also his farewell sermon, preached two years later, in 1806, when a division arising in the church, he was deposed. The records contain no statement as to the cause of the difficulty or the charges preferred against him. The matter was of such dimensions that the Consociation was appealed to to settle it. Charges were made by one Medad Hotchkiss and as the result Mr. Jones was obliged to leave the parish and with many others joined the Episcopal church.

Tradition has it that certain of the older members and deacons undertook to advise the young man in matrimonial matters, who, rejecting their counsels, married the person of his choice, a Miss Thomas, and brought upon himself their ill wishes which continued to work against him, leading to opposition of his labors and this resulted finally in his deposal.

In 1808 about 61 members withdrew. There had been a growing difference in religious opinions, other views than those held by the orthodox or Presbyterian church, as this church was then called, and disrupting tendencies began to appear. Those who left joined the Methodist, the Baptist or the Episcopal churches, the latter getting the larger number.

About this time effort was made to raise the amount in the church bank as it was called, to \$5,000, and a subscription was started, the name of John Thomas heading the list with \$750, and Elihu Sanford following with \$250, others with amounts from \$25 to \$200, making it considerably above the amount set as the goal at the start. From certain references the church bank had existed for many years. In 1791 the amount in the bank was £430 9s. 7d. It was increased in 1809.

The old meetinghouse having become unserviceable, the matter of building a new one was agitated and finally it was voted to appoint a committee to sell the property known as the old green and add it to amounts raised for the new building. It was not until 1832 that the present building was put up. In 1866 it was remodeled at a cost of \$2,500, and again in 1885 further repairs were made at an outlay of \$500.

The parsonage for many years was a house not far from the corner to the right of the present church, but in 1850 it was exchanged for the property nearer the church, the society paying \$1,600 as the difference in value and also assuming a mortgage for \$600, a total of about \$2,235.

There have been, if I have studied the records aright, four sets of deacons. The first deacons were Joel Hotchkiss and John White, who continued long in office and were strong pillars in the early church. These were followed by Dea. Jesse Bradley and Dea. Jabez Hitchcock. These were succeeded by Deacons Clark Hotchkiss and Theop. Smith and they by the present incumbents. Mr. Oliver Nettleton was clerk when the church records were first kept. After him we have Clark Hotchkiss and Theophilus Smith.

Faithful in the discharge of all duties, whether town or church, was Mr. Nathan Clark, who for years presided at the church organ, sustaining the musical department of the church efficiently and well.

Of the familiar figures of last generation none were more closely identified with every movement in the church and few remembered with more affection as none were held in more reverence than Dea. Clark Hotchkiss and Dea. Theophilus Smith. Elected deacon in 1829 at the age of 85, Dea. Clark Hotchkiss continued the honored officer of the church until his death in 1890, a period of service of over 62 years. In addition to serving as deacon he was also clerk of the church for a major part of his lifetime. He was a man of thorough piety, modest and retiring, though active in anything of general welfare. His name is today the synonym of goodness, virtue and integrity. His religion was of the quiet, retired kind, of thorough purity and deep sincerity. His name was above reproach and everyone was forced to recognize the purity and simplicity of his religious life. Such a life in its consistency could bring only honor to the cause of Christ, as many were led to respect and honor the God of his faith, and the church of his love and labor. While not forward in devising plans for the advancement of the church, he was active in co-operating with any scheme presented which he thought would develop or better it, and threw in his effort to make the plan successful. He died in 1890 at the age of 87, honored and beloved by the community and the church in whose spiritual and material development for over 60 years he had such part.

His colleague and collaborer, whom the older members remember with an esteem and honor not less great, Theophilus Smith, was equally identified with the church and society. Coming to the town as a young man, he soon showed himself a person of great energy and push, and by reason of his strong character as well as marked efficiency soon took a place of prominence and influence. He was a self-made man, obtaining by hard effort his education. He taught a high school, the first in the town, and not unfrequently a person returns from distant parts who sat under him for instruction in those days. He kept a store, and also a tavern, which because of the great amount of travel between the northern villages and cities and New Haven was well patronized. He was a man of wonderful energy and marked vigor. From an active day's work he would go to the house and taking up a paper or book spend the evening in the cultivation of his mind. Family worship was constantly kept up in his house. The tavern was never open on Sunday. He was closely connected with the church in many sides of its life and carried with it the same energy and spirit and businesslike ways. He made it the subject of prayer and was constantly anxious for her welfare. His characteristics were great activity and boundless energy, with thorough conscientiousness. His religion possessed the heartiness and fervor carried into his daily life. His life was intense and strong, and though possessing decided opinion and a quiet, active spirit he never dishonored the cause in which he was found a faithful and valiant warrior. "Moreover it is required in a steward that he be found faithful."

In addition many here will remember the kindly features, the genial paternal bearing of Mr. Amos Hitchcock. Of modest, quiet demeanor, he was a man thoroughly conscientious in his discharge of christian obligations. His integrity and the sincerity of his christian life was never questioned. Retiring in habit, he was yet shrewd and keen in mind, faithful in his observance of the Sabbath and by report a true christian.

Closely identified with every movement of the church, deeply interested in everything pertaining to it, and long an officer of the society, was Mr. Justus Peck,

whose faithful attendance at church services and whose constant zeal touching even the minor matters of her on going are still vividly remembered.

During this period the church was served in the ministry by Daniel Butt, 1844-'47, Fostie Harrison '49-'51, Alex. Leadbetter '52-'54, Ebenezer Robinson '54-'60, Seth C. Brace '61-'64, and David Elwood '64-'69. During the terms of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Mitchell revivals were held which stirred the church and awoke it to new endeavors and a more earnest, active life.

One of the most impressive things in the history is the piety of the early church. We glean this from the confession of faith, its church covenants and discipline. The confession of faith is remarkably simple and strong. In its broad and simple statement of view it is more like the liberal creed of today, while in it there is nothing opposed to the orthodox views of that period. The church covenant is as you will see impressive and solemn. It reads:

"You do now in the presence of God, the dread majesty of heaven and earth, before angels and men, with the utmost seriousness and sincerity of soul, avouch the Lord Jehovah to be your God and Supreme Good, through Jesus Christ, devoting yourself to his fear and service and engaging in dependence upon his divine aid conscientiously and perseveringly to keep his Holy Commandments. You do also solemnly covenant with His church that so long as you remain a member of it you will walk together with it in christian fellowship in all Gospel ordinances, and in a conscientious discharge of all christian duties, constantly depending on the Lord Jesus Christ for that gracious assistance which may be needful and sufficient for you."

After neglecting to keep up the society interests for some years, in 1828 a petition was sent to the General Assembly, which is noteworthy for its expression of humility and deep contrition. It abounds in statements of regret and remorse and confession of neglect and deadness. "They have been a stumbling block to sinners." "They have failed to manifest brotherly feeling and tenderness among themselves." "They have neglected the children of the flock who have been publicly dedicated to God, and have left the sins of their brethren unproved." "They thus seek the forgiveness of the christian brethren, and of the High, Holy and Heavenly Father."

In discipline under Mr Hawley they were exact. One Jesse Lounsbury appeared and upon refusing to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper according to the rules of the church, it was voted that they obey the command of Christ and let him be as a heathen man and a publican and that the watch and care of the church be withdrawn from him. Also voted that "Whereas Rhoda Hotchkiss has given satisfactory evidence that she has exercised sincere repentance for living a long time in neglect of christian duty, and for dishonoring the cause of true religion, and wishes to be received, that she be again cordially received." One Allen Thomas makes a confession to the church in these words: "Having been for some years a member of this church and having lived unworthy of my christian profession I desire to humble myself before God and his people this day concerning my sins." Then followed a statement that he has neglected seasons of prayer, absenting himself from the table of the Lord and the company of his people. "I now repent of my sins and ask Christ's forgiveness and of the members of the church whom I have offended"

In many ways the pure and sincere religion of the early church, their tender solicitude for one another, their care and watchfulness over the young of the parish, and their responsibility over the errant members, stand as an example for the church of today. The devotion and loyalty of the older members seems a solemn call to the same firm faith, pure and honest piety and thorough devotion to the church and kingdom of our God and His Christ.

In 1783 a committee was appointed "to assist the Church of England Committee to find a place for them to set a church on"

In 1779 the Society began "to confer with Amity about being made a town." This subject was one of much discussion and negotiation and of some strife in regard to the place of a town house. The town of Woodbridge was incorporated in 1784 and was named in honor of the first minister of the Amity church. The separation of Bethany as a town began to be agitated in 1803; but was not accomplished until May, 1832.

Other names of those who acted in Society business before 1800 are, (placing them in order of time), Jesse Bradley, William Wooding, Deacon Isaac Johnson, Josiah Lounsbury, Deacon Peter Perkins, John Lines, Timothy Hitchcock, Ephraim Turner, Abraham Carrington, Ezra Sperry, Daniel Beecher, Jonathan Andrew, Reuben Sperry, Amos Hitchcock, Jonathan Tuttle, Deacon James Wheeler, Jacob Hotchkiss, Jared Sherman, Edward Perkins, Jesse Beecher, David French, Raymond Sanford, David Thomas, Lamberton Tolles, Roger Peck, John Russell, Medad Hotchkiss, John Thomas, Hezekiah Thomas, Caleb Andrews, Elihu Sanford, Jr. Reuben Perkins, Hezekiah Johnson, Lucas Lines, Jared Tolles, John Wooding, Darius Beecher, Deacon Hezekiah Beecher, Jared Beecher.

In 1804, (Feb. 2d), it was "voted that we will give Mr. Isaac Jones, Jr., one hundred pounds annually for three years and then rise five pound a year until it shall amount to one hundred and twenty pounds, to commence at the time of his ordination and to continue as long as he shall continue to supply the pulpit as a minister of the Gospel in this place."

Feb. 8, 1804, it was "voted to give Mr. Hawley the interest of the minister's Bank in this place beginning the first of March, 1803, and to continue during his natural life, upon his giving the Society a full discharge from any other demand on said society from the first day of March, 1803"

At the May session of the General Assembly in 1809 the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, it hath been represented that the members of the Ecclesiastical Society of Bethany, in Woodbridge, have had no legal society meeting for several years. Resolved by this Assembly that John Thomas, Esquire, be, and he is hereby authorized to give said Society six days warning by posting up the same on the Sign Post in said Society before the first Monday of June next, to meet at the meetinghouse in said Society on the said first Monday of June, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and when met, to preside in said meeting, and lead said Society to the choice of a Societies' Committee, Clerk and Treasurer, and to do and transact any business proper to be done at said meeting.

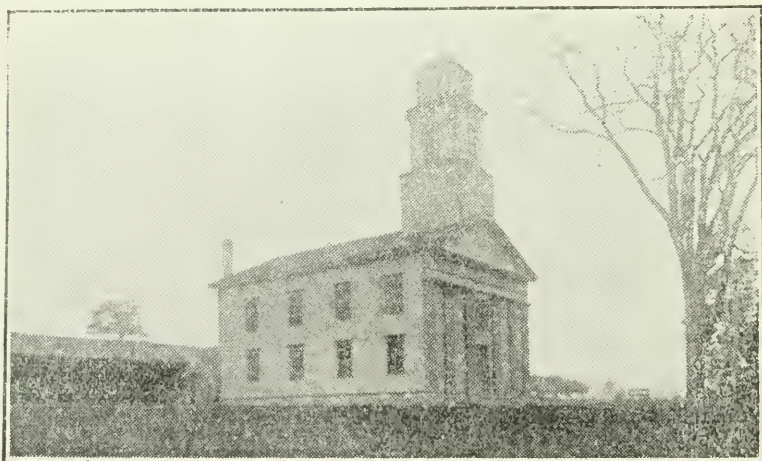
At the meeting so called Timothy Hitchcock was chosen clerk and treasurer, and the following society's committee was chosen: John Thomas, Esq., Medad Hotchkiss, Isaac Hotchkiss, Jabez Hitchcock, Jesse Atwater, Demas Sperry,

John Terrell, Silas Hotchkiss and Jesse Bradley were chosen bank committee, and a tax of one cent and five mills was laid on the list of 1808, to be paid by the first of July.

In 1828 there was a great revival, and from March 1st to October 1st thirtytwo were received into membership on confession of faith.

The list of officers and committees elected at the annual meeting held March 1, 1837, is as follows: Theophilus Smith, moderator; Lewis Hine, clerk; Grant Hitchcock, Levi Wooding, Ebenezer Platt, society's committee; Miles Hitchcock, auditor; and Theophilus Smith, first chorister; Hiram Hotchkiss, second chorister; Clark Hotchkiss, third chorister; Clark Hotchkiss and Oliver Nettleton, singing committee.

The church today (1896) has about 50 members. The present officers were elected as follows: Dea. Horsfall in 1883; Dea. Rosha, 1895; church clerk, Edwin N. Clark, 1890.



THE PRESENT CHURCH, BUILT IN 1831.

"RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY DAYS."

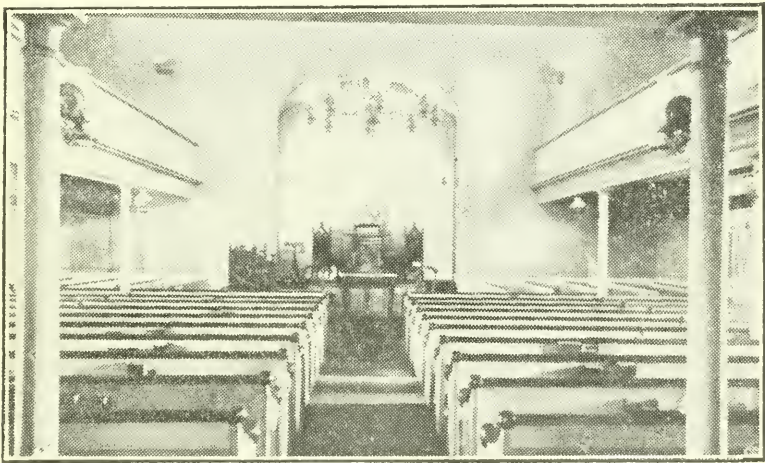
Edwin Buckingham many years ago narrated his "Recollections of Early Days," which were taken down for the Seymour Record, from which we take the following:

"The old meeting house which I first remember, stood on what used to be called "Meeting House Hill," on what is now called the "Shun Pike Road," in contradistinction of the "Turnpike" on the east side of the town. It was a large building—larger by far than the present Congregational church—but yet not too large for the attendance, as it was the only church in which constant services were held in that section of the country, and the inhabitants were by law compelled to

attend church. This old church was torn down the year 1830, and the timbers were used in building the present church on the hill north of it.

"This old church was built of large heavy timbers, with a belfry on the north end. The interior had plastered walls, a box pulpit in the west end high enough to permit the preacher to look into the gallery, and box pews with heavy doors, both in the gallery and on the floor. The seats were bare and straight-backed, and such a thing as a cushion on a church seat would have been looked upon as a mortal sin.

It may not be uninteresting to the reader to recount a few incidents here which illustrate that human nature has not materially changed in seventy years even in New England. Some of the young folks desired to have some fun at the clergyman's expense, and so they drove a large flock of geese belonging to Squire Sanford, into the church early Saturday evening, and up into the pulpit and carefully closed the door. In due time, on Sunday morning, the congregation assembled and the minister with solemn tread marched down the aisle, ascended the steps and



INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH.

opened the pulpit door. Immediately a hissing and quacking sound filled the church, and the frightened dominie sprang backward and aside as down the steps and up the aisle marched the geese with a gabble that was perfectly deafening. The deacons assisted in driving the geese out of doors, and after awhile order was restored and the service proceeded with. Great efforts were made to find out the perpetrators of this act, but without success. Nevertheless the neighborhood was satisfied who were the parties concerned in the act, and, if he has not recently died, one of them is still living in New Haven.

Another circumstance connected with the church was the stealing of the tongue of the church bell and hiding it under Dr. Castle's haystack. In the spring when he fed to the bottom of the stack the tongue was found. A court of inquiry was held to inquire into the case and half a dozen of the boys of the town were arraigned on the charge, among whom was Jehial Castle, son of Dr. Castle, Edson Sperry, and Harry Tolles, son of Daniel Tolles. But no one was convicted.

"Tithing men" were annually elected, whose duty it was to see that order was kept in the church. They were usually the most austere men of the society, and we boys looked upon them with an eye of dread and dislike which they at times seemed to heartily return. If a boy whispered to another in church behold there was the tithing man at his side in a moment, with scowling face and threatening words, and if he smiled during the services he was sure of an admonition from them immediately afterward. One of the most austere of these officers was Deacon Tolles, living a little way south of the church. He was quite an elderly man and wore a wig with a long cue hanging behind. He was the terror of the boys. One Sunday quite a number of them were in a pew alone, and the Deacon suspecting they meant mischief went into the seat with them, carrying along a short riding whip. The boys were quite good until they threw the Deacon off his guard, and then one of them managed to tie the end of the whiplash to his cue. This accomplished they were quiet for a few minutes, and then began a concerted noise which caused the Deacon to flourish his whip; and immediately the congregation were edified by seeing a wig flying through the air and the Deacon standing and feeling his bald pate in a most bewildered manner.

CHRIST CHURCH.

On the 26th day of August, 1785, the Rev. Bela Hubbard, rector of Trinity church, New Haven, began missionary work in Bethany by conducting divine service and baptising seven infants in the "Church House," a small building situated on what is now an unfrequented road, about a mile east of Bethany center. The people were too few in number and too poor to finish this building, so that it was never lathed and plastered. Through cracks in its walls the wind whistled and the snow blew. And yet, without heat from any source except from foot stoves, which a few had who could afford them in the coldest of weather, on the Lord's Day as many were gathered together to worship God as could find sittings on the rude and backless benches.

At noon they went to a near neighbor's to warm themselves, eat dinner, take out of their foot stoves the dead coals and put in live ones for the afternoon service. Although Mr. Hubbard continued to officiate in this churchhouse until the end of his rectorship in New Haven, it seems that no steps were taken to organize a legal society of the Episcopal church in Bethany until Nov. 29th, 1799. Then twentytwo persons, including four whose names were Tuttle, affixed their names to the following:

We, the undersignors, professing ourselves Episcopalians and claiming the privileges of the afore mentioned laws, do designate ourselves by enrollment, and are hereafter to be known by the name of Bethany Episcopal Society, holding the right to transact all matters in our own body agreeable to law."

On April 1st, 1800, in answer to a summons issued by a justice of the peace, the signers to this declaration met at the churchhouse and elected a clerk and a committee for the society. They were then ready to do business as a religious body according to law, and their first act was to vote to tax themselves one cent on a dollar for

the support of religious services, the tax to be laid on the grand list of 1799. It is quite surprising to us in these days to find how ready and willing they were that their religion should cost them something.

Until taxation for the support of public worship was abolished by act of the legislature, they continued to tax themselves, nearly all the time, three cents and sometimes four cents on the dollar, so that one of their number, whose property was assessed at \$1,000, had to pay for religious purposes \$30 and \$40 a year.

The first wardens were Uri Tuttle and Daniel Hotchkiss, elected April 17th, 1800. On the 16th of December, 1800, it was "voted that we keep church in the schoolhouse near Ely Todd's," the grandfather of Street, Dwight and Jasper B. Todd, who came from Northford in 1783 and lived near the present home of J. B. Todd. Evidently the interior of the churchhouse had become too windy for services in cold weather. Soon after this the old churchhouse was sold, and the proceeds of the sale were kept to apply toward the building of a new house. Public worship was then held all the time in schoolhouses, laymen reading the services when no clergymen could be had.

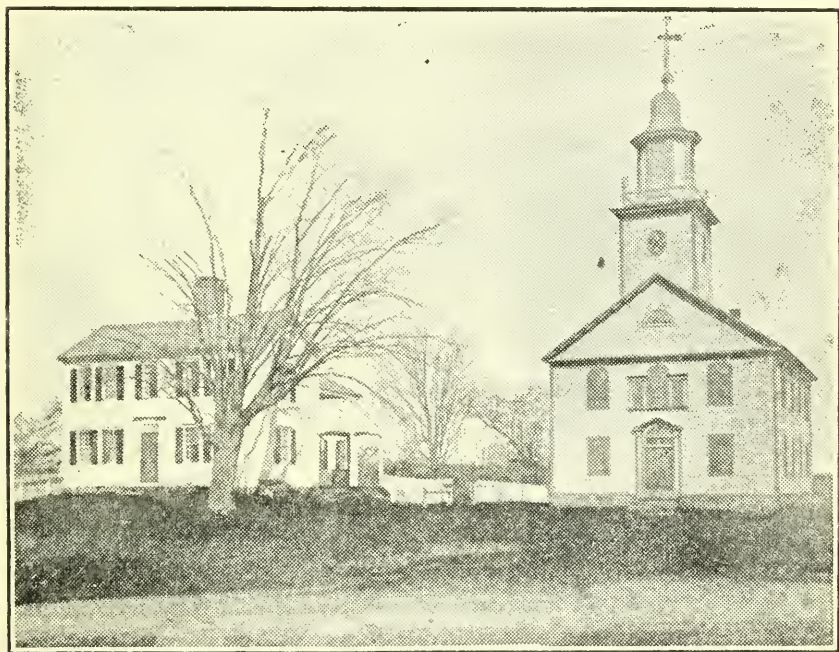
On the 9th of January, 1808, the society decided to build a church near the house of Roger Peck, now F. A. Perry's place, 48 feet in length and 36 feet in width, with a cupola. In the year 1809 one fourth of an acre of ground was deeded to the society by Roger Peck, for which they paid him \$50, and on which the church, represented in the accompanying picture, now stands.

On the 2d of May, 1809, Alling Carrington was appointed by the society as an agent to present to the General Assembly a petition asking that body to grant them a lottery of \$2,000 to finish the church. But there is no evidence that, in this case, this then quite customary plan of getting money for religious and charitable purposes was ever carried into effect. The desired amount appears to have been raised by subscription and promissory notes. Perhaps it was the pressing need of money that caused the appointment of a committee at this time to sell tallow and candles belonging to the church.

At a meeting of the society on the 6th day of November, 1809, it was "voted that this meeting consider Isaac Jones a person worthy and well qualified for a gospel minister, and wish that he

may be introduced into the Episcopal order agreeable to the rules in such cases made and provided." This vote of recommendation was the outcome of a sensational event which took place at about this time among the Presbyterians.

Isaac Jones, their pastor, for the offense of coming among them a bachelor and marrying one of their number, and for various



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other reasons, was disliked by some of them. So intense did the feeling against him grow to be, that it even entered that indispensable thing of uncertainty—the country choir, and affected it to such a degree that it refused to open its mouth in praise to God, when Mr. Jones was present. Every time after he had given out a hymn and read its verses, the choir was silent. Then it was that the good Deacon Phineas Terrill immortally distinguished him-

self as a soloist; for he arose, and going to the front in the choir loft, sang the whole hymn through alone. The result of this trouble was that the Rev. Isaac Jones, with his two deacons, Phinehas Terrill and Hezekiah Beecher, seceded and went over to the Episcopal church, taking with them sixty Presbyterians.

This accounts for the fact that since that time the Episcopal society has been the strongest religious body in Bethany, and for many years the only one able to support a resident clergyman. Mr. Jones was rector of the church here in 1810 and 1811.

The frame of the present church edifice was raised May 12th, 1809. While this church was being built regular services were held in Darius Beecher's hall, or ball room, as it was then called. This building still stands on the "Shun Pike" road, just north of the churches, and was later owned by Orrin Wheeler.

On the 18th of April, 1814, the society voted to hire preaching three fourths of the time. When there was no minister, Archibald Perkins and Reuben Judd were appointed to read the service, and the following to read the sermon: Timothy Ball, Lysias Beecher, Roger Peck, John Russell, George Peck, Eber Lines and Hezekiah Thomas.

On the 16th of January, 1810, a committee of seven men was elected "to seat the church, on the list of 1808, showing such respect to age as they shall think proper." The debt of respect due from all to the aged was always paid in full in those days. Thus sittings were assigned to members of the congregation from time to time, until on the second day of June, 1828, it was voted to sell the seats annually to the highest bidders. The society then purchased one half of a slip and gave it to Archibald Perkins for his services as chorister. The church received its name, Christ church, on the 2d of September, and was consecrated on the 19th of September, 1810.

Near the beginning of the last quarter of the 19th century, so long a time had elapsed since any repairs had been made on the building that it had become almost dilapidated. It was estimated that \$2,000 would be needed to put it in fair condition. The people were determined not to get into debt for their house of worship. The society met time and again to consider ways of raising money. It seemed impossible to get the amount required. S. R. Woodward had done hard and faithful work as collector, but had secured



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only \$1,500. It was believed that no more could be obtained. S. G. Davidson, at the request of the society, then undertook the task of collecting, and the \$1,500 soon increased to \$2,300. Then work was begun.

The two tablets, on which were inscribed the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, were taken from the chancel wall and stored in the woodroom of the rectory. These tablets had come from England, found a place in Trinity church, New Haven, when it stood on Church street, and when Trinity church was built on the Green they were given to the church in Bethany. They were returned in 1885, and are now to be seen, bright with new gilding and varnish, in the vestibule of Trinity church.

These tablets and the galleries and windows are the only objects that still exist to show how the interior of Christ church looked before its renovation in 1875. Then its high pulpit, with stairway, was torn down, new flooring was laid over the old, new and most inviting pews and cushions were put in position, new carpets laid, a beautiful and costly stained glass window placed over an appropriate scriptural sentence in the chancel, and the walls, ceiling and woodwork were tastefully kalsomined and painted. And when all was done, on the 14th of September, 1875, a great gathering of the clergy from all parts of the state assembled here, with a crowd of people, and the church was reconsecrated to the worship of God.

Again in the year 1875 the building was in a deplorable condition for want of paint. At the same time there was urgent need of an organ to take the place of one which had been given to the church many years ago by Seymour Tuttle. Some desired that an effort should be made first to raise money to paint the church, and then that a small sum should be expended for a reed organ. Others wanted a pipe organ, but cared not for the paint. S. G. Davidson declared that it would be easier to raise the money needed to paint the building, if at the same time subscriptions were solicited for a pipe organ. He was appointed collector, and within two weeks he obtained \$1,600. The church building was then thoroughly painted, all necessary repairs were made, and an organ purchased from Hook & Hastings of Boston, at a cost of \$1,200.

Christ church stands a monument of the piety and self-sacrificing spirit of men and women of past generations, and of generations

still living, who were and are the really great ones of the town; for the day of judgment will show the great ones here to have been those who have faithfully worked for God's honor and glory.

The present officers of this church, February, 1901, are:

Lewis F. Morris, rector.

F. W. Beecher, clerk.

T. D. Davidson, treasurer.

Noyes Wheeler and J. B. Todd, wardens.

S. G. Davidson, E. O. Pardee and George Selleck, vestrymen.

(ABOVE BY REV. L. F. MORRIS.)

The following entry was found in the parochial record of Trinity Church, New Haven, the entry having been made by Rev. Bela Hubbard, then rector of Trinity church. "Bethany, Woodbridge, August 26th, 1785, opened ye Episcopal church by ye name of X church and preached, &c., and baptized 7 infants."

The following list of Bethany names found in the above mentioned parochial register under the heads of baptisms, marriages and burial, show which were the families then included in the church.

Beecher—Anna, Benjamin, Betsey, Comfort, Eli, Elizabeth, Trasene, Grace, Hannah, Thompson, John, John Dunlap. Laban Smith, Mary, Marriner. Moses, Moses, Jr., Rachel, Wealthy, Wealthy Ann, William, Parmelee, Wilmot.

Tolles—Abram, Chauncey, Dan, Deborah, Elizabeth, Elnathan, Francis, Hannah, Henry, James, John, Lydia, Martha, Patty, Sarah, Thomas, William.

Todd—Charlotte, Law, Eunice, George, Joseph, Lowly, Lucinda, Hansel, Michael, Sarah, Thaddeus.

Perkins—Archibald, Arch, Abner, Hulday, Sarah, Samuel, Uri.

Sperry—Dan, David, Dennis, Eber, Esther, George, Isaac, Joel, Lois, Lyman, Mary, Miles, Parmelee, Sarah, Susan. Zymri, Margaret, Mary, Peggy, Polly, Richard, Samuel, Sarah, Stephen, Thomas, Uri, William, Zeruiah.

Tuttle—Abigail, Abraham, Amin, Miles, Asahel, Bethel, Bethia, Charles, David, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Hannah, Eunice, Fannie, George, Harriet, Henrietta, Henry, Hopkins, Hezekiah, Isaac, Jane, Catherine. John, Todd, Jotham, Julia, Lucy.

The original "church-house" was on the hill south of the residence of Frederick Beecher, on the corner as the road runs east-

ward, which is known as the church corner. The following have had ministerial charge of the parish: Rev. Bela Hubbard of New Haven, Rev. Isaac Jones, (1809-1811,) Rev. Mr. Ives of Cheshire, Rev. Mr. Prindle of Oxford, Rev. Joseph Clark, during whose pastorate of four or five years the rectory was built; Rev. Mr. Curtis-, Rev. Mr. Rouse, Rev. Mr. Potter, who during a pastorate of two years devoted great energy toward clearing the incumbrances which weighed so heavily upon the society, succeeding before his departure in showing a clean balance sheet; Rev. Mr. Zell of Litchfield, Rev. Josephus Tragitt, and Rev. L. F. Morris.

TOPOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL.

What is now the town of Bethany was in colonial times included in the towns of New Haven and Milford. If a straight line be drawn on the map of Bethany along the Round Hill Road to where it would terminate at Beacon Cap it will represent the line which formerly was the boundary between New Haven and Milford. The parish of Amity was incorporated in 1739, and included the present towns of Woodbridge and Bethany. This parish was divided in 1762, and the parish of Bethany was incorporated, covering nearly the same area as does the present town of Bethany.

Bethany Center is about ten miles from New Haven and twelve from Waterbury. It is beautifully located on a plateau six hundred feet above the sea level, overlooking an irregular but continuous valley reaching to the lowlands along the seashore. Directly to the east the hillside drops several hundred feet to a wooded valley, beyond which the verdant hills rise again to a considerable height, their sides but sparsely dotted with farmhouses. To the westward there is but a slight rise to a broad stretch of arable land including some of the finest farms in the town.

Bethany Center includes the two older churches, the Congregational and the Episcopal, the latter with a rectory; the Hall, once the Bethany Academy building, the fine old residence now owned by Frederick Perry, and until recently the old Sperry homestead, which had long been falling into decay. A little south is the Hitchcock house, in which the postoffice was kept for many years, the residence of James Megin, the district schoolhouse and the Center Cemetery, and a little farther south the residence of James Cotter, the Capt. Dayton house of Revolutionary times. To the north are the residences of Deacon Thomas Horsfall and the fine old mansion now owned by the Misses Wheeler, described on pages 99-101. A little farther north is the famous Lebanon Hill, over which the main road leads and on which are several fine old residences. From this hill a view of Long Island Sound may be obtained.

Near the foot of the northerly slope of this hill formerly stood the noted Perkins hotel, formerly the principal place of rest and refreshment on the turnpike from New Haven to Waterbury.

The eastern boundary of the town is formed by a natural barrier, West Rock Ridge. Should one walk a mile or two from where the summit of the ridge is crossed by the Woodbridge town line, he will find an object of interest in the lonely mountain road which winds over the hills. On the north side of the road the mountain rises abruptly and the summit is crested with a grove of pines which fact has given it the name of Pine Ledge. About a mile beyond this point the mountain is crossed by a deep ravine, known as the "Gap." Across the Gap the ridge is called Mad Mare's Hill. It is over eight hundred feet in height and from its crest a fine view may be obtained.

Farther to the north is Gaylord Mountain, and at its foot another road finds its precipitous way over the hill. A mile or two farther brings one to the highest peak of the whole ridge, Mt. Sanford, over 900 feet in height, and upon its summit the towns of Bethany, Hamden, Cheshire and Prospect meet. From this summit there is a superb view in every direction.

Leaving West Rock Ridge a series of hills known as the Beacon Mountains begin and extend in a westerly direction to the Naugatuck river, where in conjunction with the hills on the opposite side they form a deep gorge through which the river flows. These hills abound with localities historically interesting, and many a quaint legend is attached to its deep gorges and wild glens.

Perched on the highest point of the mountains is a huge, anvil-shaped boulder called Beacon Cap, which was probably left there during the glacial period. In early colonial times it was known simply as the "Beacon." That it was well known and pointed out by the settlers as a prominent landmark before the close of the seventeenth century is shown by the frequent mention in the records of that time. It has formed a natural bound for several of the older towns of the county, and at present is a boundary stone between Bethany and Naugatuck. In troublous times with the Indians it was included in a system of signals maintained by the colonists, and fires were built upon it, from which fact the mountains derived their name. The rock is frequently visited for the beautiful view which may be obtained from the summit. It is

difficult to climb the rugged mountainside, the way leading up a steep, narrow gorge down which a rill winds its tortuous course. This gorge terminates in a circular, rock-walled space, a difficult path up its steep sides bringing the view-seeker nearly to his goal where the Beacon Cap looms up before him, and the summit once gained repays one for his exertions. To north, south, east and west the view extends, and perhaps the prettiest of all is the Beacon Valley in which lies the village of Straitsville.



THE PERKINS HOTEL.

The only large natural lake which Bethany can boast is that of Lebanon, and that is fast dwindling in size. It is however one of the interesting features, and is situated in the center of a large swamp in the northern part of the town. The swamp is deeply fringed by tall and stately white cedars, so that it is necessary, in entering the swamp, to pass through labyrinth of trees as tall and straight as the pillars of a vast cathedral, branchless to a considerable height, where they branch out into heavy foliage, which casts a deep gloom upon the vaulted avenues of the forest, where silence is broken only by the echoes of the voice or the distant cawing of the crows. Traversing this swamp is somewhat difficult since it is necessary to leap from the moss-covered roots of one tree to the

next over pools of murky water. But if one perseveres until he emerges into the open space within the circle of the cedars he will be well repaid for his trouble as a scene breaks upon the vision which will never be forgotten. Before the visitor, stretches a level plain of peculiar yellow moss into which the foot sinks to the knee at every step, and this soft carpet is dotted with many species of the much sought for pitcher plant, many botanists visiting the swamp to obtain specimens of this remarkable plant.

Near the center of this mossy plain is a lake of blackest water, the home of countless turtles who are continually thrusting their heads above the water, while beyond is a background of the tall cedars which encircle the mossy plain. Long ago John Thomas owned the swamp and kept a boat upon it for pleasure parties. The number of Indian relics which have been found in the fields adjoining the swamp lead one to believe that it was a favorite resort of the aborigines. Visits to the swamp are attended with danger and should only be made by those experienced in such places or in parties who can rescue one another in case of mishap.

There are however several large artificial lakes in the town, made for the purpose of reservoirs for supplying water to the city of New Haven. Among these is Lake Bethany, situated in the eastern part of the town, on West River. The dam was built in 1892, by the New Haven Water Company, and forms one of the largest reservoirs in the water system of that city. The next in size is Lake Chamberlain, which is situated about a mile west of the former.

The northern section of the town is drained by the Beacon Hill river and Lebanon Brook. The former is one of the largest streams in Bethany, and several mills have been built along its banks. At the point where it flows through the Straits, a narrow gorge through the Beacon Mountains, it is very picturesque.

In the eastern part of Bethany is West River. Its source is at the base of Mount Sanford, and it flows into Lake Bethany. For two or three miles beyond the lake its course is through a deep ravine. From thence it flows across the plains of Woodbridge toward Long Island Sound. Sargents River, a tributary of West River, flows through the center of the town. Lake Chamberlain is on this stream. Bladens Brook forms a part of the southwestern boundary and has a branch called Hopp Brook. These streams

have furnished power for sawmills, gristmills and cidermills.

Among the early industries of the town was the manufacture of wool. The fleeces from the sheep upon our hills were in part worked up at the homes of the people. At first yarn was spun on the spinning wheel and knit into warm stockings and mittens, and in some cases was woven on hand looms by the industrious wives and daughters of the farmers who had cared for the sheep on whose backs the wool had grown.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE PERKINS HOTEL.

But as time fled on some more rapid method of manipulating the wool was sought, and a woolen mill was established in North Bethany, where the wool was carded by waterpower, and the homespun woolen cloth was "dressed." This mill was purchased by Bennett Twitchell from the estate of Jonathan Stoddard about 1844. Mr. Twitchell carried on the business until his death in 1853, and his oldest son, George B. Twitchell, then carried on the business for a few years.

Since the incorporation of the town in 1832, there have been only six town clerks, Hezekiah Thomas, 1832-44; Edwin Lines, 1845; Asa C. Woodward, 1846-50; Jason W. Bradley, 1851-54; Nathan Clark, 1855-79; and Edwin N. Clark, since 1879.

The selectmen have been Andrew Beecher, Harry French, Lewis Lines, Miles French, P. B. Hine, Enos Perkins, Darius Driver, Sidney Sperry, Justus Peck, Miles French, Ezra S. Sperry, Andrew T. Hotchkiss, Marcus W. Bradley, Dennis Beecher, Robert

Clark, Guy Perkins, Milo Beecher, Edwin Buckingham, Henry E. Lounsbury, Dwight N. Clark, Buel Buckingham, Edwin Pardee, Jason W. Bradley, Henry E. Lounsbury, Theophilus Smith, E. O. Pardee, Horace Tolles, Anthony H. Stoddard, Abel Prince, Leverett Shares, Guy Perkins, Dennis Beecher, Robert Clark, David Carrington, Andrew J. Doolittle, Adrian C. Rosha, Samuel R. Woodward, Samuel G. Davidson, Charles C. Perkins, David Carrington, Jasper B. Todd, Frederick W. Beecher, Dwight L. Humiston, Harry F. Peck, Arthur H. Doolittle, Jerome A. Downs, Noyes Andrew, Wm. L. Wooding, Edwin G. Pardee.

Jason W. Bradley was Judge of Probate from the formation of the probate district in 1844 until the fall of 1856; Andrew Beecher 1856 to 1863, Nathan Clark 1863 to 1879, and Edwin N. Clark since 1879.

THE CHURCH BELLS.

The bells which have called the people to services in the two churches at the center have each done duty for about half a century. High in their towers they have rung in times of peace, in war, or to spread the alarm of fire. They have spoken at one time to tell of a happy wedding, and at another to sadly toll out the death of an inhabitant. The bell of Christ church probably weighs nearly half a ton. It was cast in a foundry in New Haven in 1858. It is said to have been recast from the old bell which was placed in the church a century ago.

The bell of the Congregational church, which is the older of the two, has a very clear, loud tone, that can be heard in all parts the town. On the bell is the following inscription, made when the bell was cast:—"A. Meneeley & Son, West Troy, N. Y., 1851. 1015 lbs, Key B. Congregational Church, Bethany, Conn."

This bell succeeded the old one, which had been used for nearly one hundred years. In the Revolutionary War it had been rung by Dr. Hooker's negro slave, Scipio, to alarm the inhabitants of Bethany Parish, March 15, 1781, the morning after the raid of Alexander Graham and his tory soldiers from Long Island, this signal having been previously agreed upon in case of danger.

The following is from the "Recollections of Early Days," by Edwin Buckingham, published in the SEYMOUR RECORD in 1881.

"In my early days for an individual to transgress church rules or state laws with any approach to the impunity with which they are now violated, would be to subject himself to fines and imprisonments, and unbearable social ostracism. The real "Blue Laws," so called, (not the exaggerated counterfeits which have been so extensively circulated), were yet quite rigidly enforced, and though many of them were repealed about the time I arrived at manhood, I can remember when the mere mention of any change in them sufficed to bring a storm of pulpit rhetoric that was sure to squelch the offender. Furthermore, the opinions of the clergy were heeded, and most generally accepted by the whole community as the correct way of looking at things. It is hardly necessary to speak of the change seventy years has wrought in this respect. Then the clergy were right around with and among the people, visiting and praying with them daily, and inquiring concerning and giving council about all the common things of life, and I have often thought that this was the source of their influence, and their failure to continue their labors zealously in that direction the cause of the decline of church power.

"An incident which I remember will illustrate the zealous manner in which the church executed the laws which the state had enacted through its influence. It was a statute that every man must attend church somewhere a certain number of times during the year, and failing to do so, the deacons of the Congregational church were empowered to cite him before them, try him, and inflict such fine or imprisonment as they found the case demanded. My father's near neighbor, Hezekiah Hotchkiss, was a pretty good sort of a man, but did not attend church anywhere in particular and was therefore presumably by law under the spiritual supervision of the Congregational deacons. A tally of his delinquences having been kept by these falcon-eyed keepers of public morals, it was discovered at the close of the year that he had fallen behind the required number of attendances, and he was accordingly cited to appear before them. The case was duly tried, and not being able to disprove the charge he was severely reprimanded and fined quite heavily. Hotchkiss made a strong appeal against the judgment, but the inexorable deacons turned the screws right down on

him, and brought him to time and made him pay the fine. Shortly afterwards he called at my father's house, and being joked about the circumstance declared that this proceeding had decided him never to enter a church again except to comply with the letter of the law and avoid being fined.

"Another instance which I remember is this.—The statute provided that all the laws touching the observance of the Sabbath be applied to Fast Day, and the annual proclamation announced that "Labor and vain recreation is by law prohibited." There were two grand jurors, Abel Lines and Minot Collins, strict churchmen, who lived in our part of the town, who took it upon themselves to see that the law was carried out. One Fast Day a number of boys got together and went down into a back lot to play ball, fully half a mile away from the nearest house. Somehow Collins learned of the fact, and the boys were all summoned before his terrible presence. To such as appeared he administered scathing rebukes for their Godless conduct, and he imposed and collected heavy fines upon those who did not appear.

"Notwithstanding the rigidly of those laws and the uncompromising manner in which they were executed, I am free to confess that I believe they produced a more beneficial result than the lax manner in which they are at present administered. There was little of the lawless brawling, so common now, to be found anywhere then, and what did occur was visited with quick and unflinching punishment. Honesty and uprightness were virtues expected from every man, and there was no winking at a vice because a man gave liberally to the church. Young men were brought up to believe that loafing, not labor, was dishonorable; and a girl was not considered so much better than her mother that she was allowed to dawdle in the parlor while the latter slaved in the kitchen; good hours were the rule, and courtships did not require a secrecy which shut both father and mother from confidence. In short, if my notions are not too old fashioned for modern belief, the puritanism of my early days made better men and women than the average of the present day."

MARRIAGES.

FROM THE RECORDS OF CHRIST CHURCH:

1836.

April 17, Wm. H. Turner of New Haven and Jane Mix of Hamden.

Nov. 13, Jobamah E. Gunn, Waterbury, and Rebecca A. Hotchkiss, Bethany.

Dec. 18, Alonzo Warner, Hamden, and Ruth Chatfield, Bethany.

1837.

Jan. 1, Elias N. Clark, Waterbury, and Minerva C. Mentis, Bethany.

Feb. 12, Newel Lounsberry and Jennette Hungerford both of Bethany.

July 23, Willet Bradley of Courtlandville, N. Y., and Harriet T. Hotchkiss, Bethany.

Sept. 2, Amri B. Peck and Minerva Nettleton, both of Bethany.

Sept. 10, Stephen Hotchkiss, Jr., Bethany, and Abigail Hotchkiss, Prospect.

Oct. 8, Willis Doolittle, Hamden and Abigail Hitchcock, Woodbridge.

Oct. 21, Howel Beecher and Adaline Burnham, both of Bethany.

1838.

Jan. 1, Allen B. L. Meyart, Auburn, N. Y., and Huldah Perkins, Bethany.

Jan. 7, Henry A. Smith and Catherine E. Bradley, both of Bethany.

Jan. 21, Edmond B. W. Hitchcock and Angeline Terrell, both of Bethany.

March 14, Alonzo Sperry and Rebecca Hotchkiss, both of Bethany.

March 15, Joseph Hale, Suffield, Mass., and Juliette Hicock, Woodbridge.

March 20, Enos Beecher and Lucy L. Russell, both of Bethany.

Sept. 16, Stephen Wooding and Mira Kimball, both of Bethany.

Sept. 15, John Tucker, Waterbury, and Maria Perkins, Bethany.

Dec. 24, Charles Perkins, Bethany, and Mary A. Meriam, Waterbury.

1839.

Jan. 13, Jarias B. Hotchkiss and Eunice Russell, both of Bethany.

Jan. 25, Stephen Bradley, Prospect, and Thirza Gibbard, Waterbury.

June 26. Noah N. Perkins and Maria Lounsbury, both of Waterbury.

Sept. 3, Thomas N. Taylor of Granby and Polly P. Allen of Woodbridge.

Sept. 26, Jesse Hotchkiss and Caroline Lounsbury, both of Bethany.

Oct. 6, Beecher D. Hotchkiss and Betsey Perkins, both of Bethany.

Oct. 16, Timothy Lounsbury of Bethany, and Sarah Newton of Westville.

Oct. 27, Albert Driver and Harriet A. Allen, both of Bethany.

1840.

Jan. 5, Daniel Wilmot of Waterbury and Gertie O. Handry of Hamden.

April 13, Benjamin A. Clarke of Middlebury and Mary Gaylord of Hamden.

April 17, Francis Rhub of New Haven and Harriet L. H. N. Rhoska of Bethany.

April 11, Timothy Fowler of Woodbridge and Mary E. Stevens of Bethany.

Sept. 13, Edwin Lines and Mary A. Castle, both of Bethany.

Sept. 13, Jared Hotchkiss of Bethany and Amy French of Prospect.

Oct. 11, William F. Gilyard of Derby and Wealthy A. Hotchkiss of Bethany.

1841.

March 14, Samuel French of Waterbury and Charry Bradley of Bethany.

April 4, George Hotchkiss and Laura Sperry, both of Bethany.

Sept. 14, George H. Durrie of New Haven and Sarah A. Perkins of Bethany.

Sept. 20, Lucius Russell and Elizabeth L. Thomas, both of Bethany.

Nov. 7, Wales F. Perkins and Eliza E. Tolles, both of Bethany.

1842.

March 29, Jeremiah Collins and Nora N. Lounsbury, both of Bethany.

1843.

Jan. 19, D. W. Russell and Henrietta M. Collins, both of Bethany.

April 2, Buel Buckingham and Henrietta Beecher, both of Bethany.

April 10, Harmon Allen and Rebecca Lounsbury, both of Bethany.

Sept. 25, Henry Judd and Hannah French, both of Prospect.

Oct. 1, David Ford of Westville, and Sarah M. Umberfield of Bethany.

Oct. 9, Nathan Prince of Bethany and Hannah Sherman of New-town.

Nov. 13, Burton Mallery of New Haven and Mary Beecher of Bethany.

1844.

Sept. 18, Richard Day of Illinois, and Frances N. Thomas of Bethany.

Oct. 6, Benjamin Bronson of North Carolina and Polly J. Perkins of Bethany.

Dec. 25, Wm. C. White and Harriet Prince, both of Bethany.

1846.

Feb. 22, Guy Beecher and Sarah Ann Chatfield, both of Bethany.

Aug. 2, Geo. W. French of New Haven and Ellen S. Scott of Naugatuck.

Dec. 7, David Clark and Charlotte Seeley, both of Bethany.

Dec. 25, Adna Hotchkiss and Elizabeth Perkins, both of Bethany.

Dec. 25, Isaac Perkins and Emily Todd, both of Bethany.

1847.

Nov. 7, Samuel Todd of North Haven and Pamela I. Chatfield of Bethany.

1848.

March 5, DeWitt C. Castle of Humphreysville, and Sarah F. Hotchkiss of Bethany.

May 17, George H. Alling of Orange, and Martha Sperry of Bethany.

Sept. 16, Edwin Terrill and Eveline Smith, both of Naugatuck.

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Oct. 9, Wales F. Perkins of Bethany, and Maria L. Clark of Woodbridge.

Oct. 22, Noyes Wheeler and Charry S. Tuttle, both of Bethany.

1849.

July 29, George Northrop of Bethany and Laura E. Truesdale of Humphreysville.

Oct. 21, Charles A. Smith of Orange and Julia E. Sperry of Bethany.

Nov. 11, John M. Sperry of Woodbridge and Harriet Jane Sperry of Bethany.

Dec. 11, Benjamin P. Chatfield and Sarah E. Judd, both of Bethany.

1850.

June 16, Nathaniel Langdon Proctor of Woodbury and Elizabeth Tyrrell of Bethany.

June 16, David A. Burnham of Bethany and Emily G. Downs of Woodbridge.

Nov. 10, Geo. L. Woodruff of Woodbridge and Margaret Burnham of Bethany.

Nov. 21, Joseph William Bradley and Mary J. Neal, both of Woodbridge.

1851.

Jan. 19, Joseph O. Hubbell of Oxford and Lucy Ann Beach of Cheshire.

April 14, Andrew Johnson of Humphreysville and Ann Elizabeth Davis of Bethany.

April 18, Verus Candee of Naugatuck and Mira Wooding of Bethany.

May 4, Orange W. Race of Hamden and Mary L. Downs of Bethany.

May 4, Silas Wilmot, Jr., of Wallingford, and Mrs. Laura Brooks of Bethany.

Oct. 22, William S. Beecher of Prospect and Mary A. Sperry of Bethany.

1852.

Feb. 15, Harpin N. Hotchkiss and Charlotte E. Alling, both of Bethany.

April 18, Dennis Beecher and Mary Jane Clark (adopted daughter of Nelson Clark).

April 25, William I. Pierpont of Waterbury and Mary Grace Beecher of Bethany.

May 6, David A. Lounsbury of Bethany and Susan M. Doolittle of Hamden.

May 9, Amasa B. Brooks of Cheshire and Elizabeth M. Wooding of Bethany.

Nov. 14, Jarvis Bronson of Derby and Lucy L. Beecher of Bethany.

Nov. 18, Jacob W. Wilcox of New Haven and Charlotte E. Hulburt of Waterbury.

1853.

Jan. 10, Eli H. Wakelee of Derby and Eunice A. Chatfield of Bethany.

Feb. 8, Wales C. Dickerman of Hamden and Cecil Todd of Bethany.

Feb. 20, Charles C. Perkins and Jane B. Perkins, both of Bethany.

April 17, Henry N. Johnson of Westville and Sylvia Northop of Woodbridge.

Oct. 13, John H. Sherwood of Fairfield and Selina P. Beecher of Bethany, (by the Rev. John M. Guion).

1855.

MARRIAGES BY REV. CHARLES J. TODD.

May 20, Archibald A. Perkins and Mrs. Minerva Scoville, both of Bethany.

1856.

April 5, John Russell and Hannah Hotchkiss, both of Bethany.

1857.

MARRIAGES BY REV. JAMES ADAMS.

Feb. 7, Street B. Todd of New Haven, and Sarah Ann Hotchkiss of Bethany.

1858.

MARRIAGES BY REV. F. B. WOODWARD.

Aug 19, Levi Marks of Bethany, and Mrs. Emeline Pierpont of New Haven.

Sept. 25, George W. Woodward and Margaret L. Sperry, both of Bethany.

1859.

Feb. 3, Theodore A. Shepard and Ellen L. Ramsdell, both of Chatham.

June 10, Albert Sperry and Grace Russell, both of Bethany.

June 10, Dr. E. P. Woodward and Eliza D. Sperry, both of Bethany (by Rev. Mr. Coley of Westville.)

July 10, Franklin B. Atwater and Elizabeth Barnes, both of Bethany.

Dec. 22, Charles Austin, Bethany, and Laura C. Tuttle, New Haven.

1860.

Jan. 15, W. Herbert French and Mary S. Carrington, both of Bethany.

April 29, Charles E. Wooding and Elvira C. Clinton, both of Woodbridge.

— Militus Huxford of Ansonia and Kate L. Hale of Woodbridge.

Oct 7, Lewis Hitchcock and Valnia Hine, both of Woodbridge.

Nov. 12, Lauren E. Cook of Cheshire and Caroline E. Perkins of Bethany.

1861.

May 15, Henry M. Tuttle and Nellie M. Sears, both of Woodbridge.

1862.

June 15, Martyn P. Merrill of Orange and Hannah A. Brown of Bethany.

Aug. 13, Charles W. Tyrrell of New Haven and Mary A. Norton of Prospect.

Aug. 24, Seth Woodward and Nellie J. Sackett, both of Bethany.

1863.

— Abner Warner of Hamden and Laura A. Hitchcock of Bethany.

BY REV. H. S. ATWATER.

June 2, George L. Smith and Martha E. Lines, both of Naugatuck.

1864.

Jan. 17, Theron Eustice Allen and Rosella R. Russell, both of Bethany.

March 12, Thomas Palmer and Jennett Wooding, both of Bethany.

Dec. 24, Horatio N. Clark of Prospect, and Laura DeE. H. Perkins.
of Bethany.

1865.

Jan. 18, Charles Tucker and Mrs. Harriet Taylor, both of Harwinton.
Sunday before Easter, April 9. George Herbert Allen of Hamden,
and Almeda E. Buckingham of Bethany.

April 9, Henry A. Doolittle of Hamden and Emma L. Doolittle of
Woodbridge.

July 8, Hobart B. Marks of Milford, and Cynthia Maria Sanford of
Prospect.

Oct. 15, John Lucius Driver and Mrs. Jane D. Kane, both of Bethany.

Nov. 12, Evelyn O. Pardee and Martha L. Sperry, both of Bethany.

1866.

Jan. 1, Edward Beecher and Christina E. Tolles, both of Bethany.

April 4, Silas E. Jeralds and Julia A. Chandler, both of Prospect.

April 29, Miles F. Williams of Prospect, and Mary E. Wooding of
Cheshire.

Oct. 18, John W. Brooks of Ansonia and Carrie Scheifferdecker of
Bethany.

Nov. 15, George F. UMBERFIELD and Mrs. Catherine Warner, both
of Bethany; (married at Beacon Falls).

Nov. 22, Richard H. Griffing and Celia R. Haskins, both of Bethany.

1867.

April 20, Frederick A. Parker of New Haven and Anna M. Donnell
of Bethany.

June 5, George B. Twitchel of Bethany and Juliette A. Payne of
Naugatuck.

Oct. 20, Hanford L. Plumb and Betsey Devine, both of Bethany.

BAPTISMS.

1836.

May 15, Daniel Harison and Lucy Loisa, ch. of Daniel and Lucy Thomas.

Sept. 4, Joseph Lockwood, son of Joseph and Nancy Bradley.

4, Rebecca Simmons, dau. of Ransom and Alma Jeiles.

15, Frances Harriet, dau. of Harry and Mayant I. Thomas.

1837.

March 20, Ada Maria, (col.) dau. of Philip Sampson.

May 11, James Theodore, son of Return and Janet Durand.

June 4, John Mather, son of Abram and Harriet Beecher.

4, Edwin Abijah, son of A. P. and Sarah R. Judd.

4, Dwight Eley, son of Leonard and Julia Todd.

4, Edward, son of Henry A. and Samantha Carrington.

4, Hobart, son of E. S. and Loisa Sperry.

4, Sylvia Maria, son of Jesse A. and Mary Ann Doolittle.

Sept. 17, Franklin Kirk, son of A. T. and Mary Beecher.

17, Frederic (Humphreysville), son of Isaac and Susan Prince.

Dec. 17, Harison Smith and Charles Leonard, ch. of A. L. and Mary S. Judd.

1838.

Feb. 8, Lucia Angeline, dau. of Harry and Lucy Hicox.

8, Eliza Ann, dau. of David Allen.

July 22, Laura, dau. of Andrew and Hannah Beecher.

22, Wales Herbert, son of Charles and Julia French.

Aug. 26, Polly Salina and Harry Russell, ch. of Beri E. and Mary Beecher.

26, Jesse Burton, son of Jesse A. and Mary A. Doolittle.

Oct. 14, Mary Grant, dau. of Rev. J. H. and Mary A. Rouse.

14, Mary Samantha, dau. of Harry A. and Samantha Carrington.

1839.

March 4, Leonard Lewis, Cyrus, Nancy Maria, and Cloe, ch. of Cyrus D. and C. Carrier, (col.)

29, Isaac Leverett, son of Allen B. and Laura Curtiss.

1842.

March 24, Harriet Emily, dau. of Sidney Downs.

24, Laura D. Perkins, dau. of Guy and Laura Perkins.

24, Julia Ann Judd, dan. of wid. S. R. Judd.

- March 24, Henry Hooker, son of Jared and Amy Hotchkiss.
 24, Lewis E. Doolittle, son of Allen and Mary Ann Doolittle.
 1843.
- March 27, Harriet Amanda Hoadley.
- June 18, Margaret Celia Thomas, dau. of Hez. and Margaret Thomas.
 18, Jasper Bryan Todd, son of Leonard and Julia Todd.
- Aug. 13, Evelyn Ogilvie Pardee, son of Edwin and C. Pardee.
 13, Sarah Victoria and Cloe Cordelia Tuttle, ch. of Charles
 and S. Tuttle.
 13, Urban Evander, son of George and L. H. Hotchkiss.
 13, Nelson Newton, son of Beri E. and Mary Beecher.
 13, Eunice Amanda Chatfield.
 1844.
- Oct. 13, Caroline Ella Perkins, dau. of Guy and Laura Perkins.
 13, Homer Guy Perkins, son of Wales and Eliza Perkins.
 13, James Seymour Tuttle, son of Chas. Tuttle and wife.
 1845.
- Henry Allen Doolittle, son of Allen and Mary Doolittle.
 1846.
- Feb. 8, Hannah Sherman Prince, son of Nathan and Hannah
 Prince.
- July 26, Julia Almira Sampson, (col.) dau. of Philip and Betsey
 Sampson.
- Oct. 4, Lines Prince, son of Hannah Prince.
 1847.
- March 1, Guy, son of Mary and Silas Woodin.
- Decr. 29, Princetta Maria, dau. of Edwin and Caroline Pardee.
 1848.
- June 4, John Fan, (b. Aug. 15, 1845,) William, (b. Oct. 30, 1846,)
 ch. of William and Louise Weightman.
- July 16, Isaac Lewis, (b. May 24, 1837;) Ellen Jane, (b. Oct. 24,
 1838;) and Catherine Emily, (b. Aug. 15, 1842) ch. of Enos and
 Rosetta Sperry.
- | | Parents and Sponsors. | | |
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| Sept. 3, Mary Adelia Sperry, (b. Jan. 30, 1831,) Lydia Maria Sperry. | | | |
| 3, Dolly Eliza Sperry, (b. Sept. 6, 1834,) " | " | " | " |
| 3, Martha Louisa Sperry, (b. Aug. 8, 1837,) " | " | " | " |
| 3, Margaret Lydia Sperry, (b. Dec. 31, 1840,) " | " | " | " |
| 3, Allen Sperry, (b. Jan. 9, 1839,) " | " | " | " |
| 3, Amelia Marilla Sperry, (b. Sept. 8, 1842,) " | " | " | " |

Parents, Sponsors and Witnesses.

Herbert Willard, b. Jan. 31, 1839, Lysias and Lucy Beecher, grandparents, acting as sponsors.

Frederick Beri, b. Nov. 1, 1846, Beri E. and Mary N. Beecher.

Leonard Wales, b. March 3, 1847, Jesse A. and Mary Ann Doolittle.

Robert Horace Tolles, b. April 4, 1840.

Frank Wooster Tolles, b. August 29, 1844.

Caroline Tolles and Edwin Pardee.

Sept. 3, 1848.

Josephine Adelaide, b. July 31, 1842, dau. of Chas. and Hannah Thomas, the mother standing as sponsor.

Eunice Hotchkiss, adult.

Philo Delos, b. Dec. 7, 1839.

Edward Lester, b. Dec. 11, 1840.

Juliet Christina, b. Aug. 21, 1843.

Jane Dealt, b. Sept. 5, 1845.

Children of Jairus and Eunice Hotchkiss, the mother standing as sponsor, with her sister, Rosetta Sperry, who was also her witness.

Henry D. Beecher, b. May 10, 1839.

Frances A. Beecher, b. 1841.

Emerette A. Beecher, b. Feb. 3, 1843.

Lucy I. Beecher.

Anna Eliza Clark, an adult, her brother, C. F. Clark, witness.

Oct. 8, 1848.

Charry E. Beecher, b. Jan. 14, 1845. Lucy I. Beecher.

Ellen Josephine Smith, March 9, 1841. Grandparents, Pulaski and Amanda Chatfield, sponsors.

Mary A. Judd, b. Dec. 1, 1842, Asahel Leonard and Mary Elizabeth Judd.

Dennis Nehemiah Wooding, b. Oct. 5, 1834. Mary Wooding.

Charles Edwin Wooding, b. Feb. 11, 1838.

Caroline Lucina Hotchkiss, b. Dec. 1844, Jared and Amy Hotchkiss.

Sarah Jennett Perkins, b. May 15, 1840. Mary Ann Perkins.

Mary Grace Perkins, b. December 28, 1847.

Julia Ella Perkins, b. March 5, 1848. Isaac and Emily Perkins.

Oct. 11, 1848, By the Rev. Jacob L. Clark of Waterbury and the Rev. David Sanford of Oxford, at the request of the Rector of Ch. Ch.

William Wrightman Zell, b. Aug. 10, 1848. Henry and Mary Zell.

Nov. 19, Lowly Jane Sanford, an adult. A. A. Perkins and Mrs. Jesse Doolittle standing as witnesses.

Aug. 19, 1849, Samuel Herbert Beecher, b. March 25, 1849,

Beri E. and Mary M. Beecher.

Lucius Russell, an adult.

Elizabeth L. Russell, an adult.

Grace Ermina Russell, b. Dec. 27, 1842. } Children of Lucius and
Adelia Ann Russell, b. Nov. 19, 1848, } Eliz. L. Russell.

Dwight Collin Lines, b. May 14, 1845.

Harriet Amelia Wheeler, ch. of Orrin and Mary A. Wheeler.

Nancy Ellen Hitchcock, b. Feb. 17, 1838,

Ira Perkins and wife, grandparents.

Watrous Tolles, b. Feb. 23, 1846.

Julia A. Tolles.

Otis Bird Beecher, b. Nov. 13, 1848, Guy and Sarah Ann Beecher

Oct. 15, Eliza M. Tolles, b. Feb. 21, 1840,

Isaac B. and Maria Tolles.

1850.

Feb. 17, Mary Louisa Prince, b. July 6, 1849.

Nathan and Hannah Prince.

April 6, Wales C. Perkins, b. Aug. 8, 1849.

Wales F. and Maria L. Perkins.

April 21, Marcia L. Perkins, an adult. Guy Perkins and his wife.

April 21, Lovenia Sperry, an adult. G. Perkins and Mary Zell.

Sept. 9, Eugene Walter Nettleton, b. March 22, 1850,

R. C. Nettleton and his wife Louisa.

Sept. 22, Jennett Frances Wheeler, b. June 6, 1850,

Noyes and Charry S. Wheeler.

Sept. 22, Eliza Emily Perkins, b. July 28, 1849,

Isaac and Emily Perkins.

Sept. 22, Almeda E. Buckingham, b. May 7, 1844.

Olin Dwight Buckingham, b. Sept. 23, 1847.

Buel and Henrietta Buckingham.

Dec. 23, John Wells Wheeler, b. Oct. 18, 1850,

Orrin and Mary A. Wheeler.

Sept. 22, James Burr Perkins, b. Oct. 3, 1841. Mary Ann Perkins

Thomas Charles Perkins, b. Jan. 27, 1844. " " "

1851.

August 10, William Hasen Perkins, b. April 16, 1851.

Wales Ford, and Maria L. Perkins.

August 10, Jane Ella Hotchkiss, b. March 8, 1851.

Anna and Elizabeth Hotchkiss.

Parents, Sponsors and Witnesses.

Aug. 31, Walter Augustus Pinkham, b. Mar. 12, 1851, son of Nathaniel J. and Elizabeth Pinkham.

The mother and Wm. Paterson sponsors.

May 9, 1852, Henry Morrison Hull, b. Oct. 30, 1851. Morrison C. Hull and wife and Edwin Pardee.

August 22, Frederick Willie Beecher, Nov. 24, 1851. Beri E. and Mary M. Beecher.

August 22, Marion Cornelia Tuttle, b. Nov. 13, 1851. Charles and J. Tuttle.

May 2, 1853, Laura McClure, b. 20 Feb. 1853, William and Hannah McClure.

Amasa Brooks	Mr. B.	Morrison C. Hull.
Wales Dickerman	Mr. D.	Beri E. Beecher.

1854.

May 16, Mary Grace Pierpont, (private sick adult) Mother and Mrs. H. Townsend, witnesses.

June 25, Edward Scovill Morrison Perkins, mother and M. C. Hull sponsors.

June 25, Mary Jennette Bronson, b. Oct. 24, 1853. Parents and M. C. Hull sponsors.

June 25, E. Perkins Parents and

August 13, Foster Beecher Hull, 9 mos. old, Parents and Edwin Pardee.

August 13, Amelia Carrington Perkins, $2\frac{1}{4}$ yrs. old. Parents and Edwin Pardee.

August 13, Howard French Perkins, 4 mos. old. Parents and Edwin Pardee.

Oct. 22, Mary Jane Beecher, adult. Husband and Mrs. Nelson Clark witnesses.

BAPTISMS DURING THE RECTORSHIP OF REV. JOHN ADAMS.

1851.

March 27, Helen Josephine, Ellen Justine, b. March 11, 1848, twin daughters of Samantha Carrington. Sponsors, the mother and Mrs. Theophilus Smith.

May 31st.

Carrie Eliza, b. July 17, 1856.

The parents, Morrison C. and Eliza T. Hull.

Parents, Sponsors and Witnesses.

Jane Rebecca, b. June 23, 1856, Wales F. and Maria S. Perkins.

Sponsor, Mrs. Laura Perkins.

Sheldon, b. Sept. 21, 1855. The parents, Charles and Anna Clarke.

Mary Maria, b. April 24, 1853.	} The parents, Orrin and Mary A.
Celia Ella, b. Oct. 14, 1854.	
Christina Jane, b. July 27, 1856.	

Wheeler and Mrs. A. L. Judd.

Adna Todd, b. May 21, 1856. The parents, Isaac and Emily Perkins, and Samuel Todd.

Julia Abby, b. Aug. 8, 1856. Daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Perkins.

Sponsor, the mother.

Almira Downes, wife of Eben Downes, an adult.

Witness, Mrs. Enos Perkins.

Amra Clark, wife of C. F. Clark, an adult.

Witness, Mrs. Charles French.

George Warner Woodward, an adult.	} Dr. A. C. Woodward, Ed-
Edward Prindle Woodward an adult.	
Lewis Dexter Lounsbury, an adult.	
Leroy William Tuttle, an adult.	

win Pardee, Mrs. Woodward, A. A. Perkins, Mrs. J. A. Lounsbury and Gilbert Davidson.

Mar. 6, 1858.

James Edward, b. Feb. 18, 1858. Son of William and Hannah McClure (in private, being ill.) (Private office.)

June 10, 1860.

Sarah Ann, wife of Street B. Todd.

Addie Maria, infant daughter of Street B. and Sarah Ann Todd.

Witnesses, parents and wife of Leonard Todd.

Seymour Gilbert, infant son of — Baldwin of Madison.

Feb. 11, 1861.

Francis, infant son of F. Breckle, (private bap.) Woodbridge.

June 30th.

George Truman, son of Chas. F. Clark. Parents sponsors.

George Bird, son of Geo. Hotchkiss. " "

Lillie May and Kate Alice, daughters of Mrs. Emma Patterson.

Mrs. Camp and Mrs. Patterson sponsors.

Richard, son of Wm. McClure, parents sponsors

Adeline Julia, daughter of Orson Wheeler. Parents.

Kate Augusta, daughter of F. S. Woodward and granddaughter of the Rector. Mrs. F. B. Woodward and Miss L. Beecher.

Parents, Sponsors and Witnesses.

Mary Jane, daughter of Lucius Russell. Parents.

Frank Beecher, son of G. B. Johnson. Parents, E. Pardee.

Clifton Tolles, son of De Ette E. Downs.
E. Pardee, Polly Tolles, De Ette Downs.

Margaret Benecia, daughter of Noyes Wheeler. Parents.

Oct. 13, 1861.

Emma Almira, daughter of F. S. and Helen Woodward. Parents.

May 4, 1862.

Marietta, daughter of Sylvia M. Doolittle. Mother, L. Perkins and
Mrs. F. B. Woodward.

Dec. 25, Mary Jennett, daughter of Henry R. and Esther Beecher.
Parents and Mrs. A. Woodward.

In Christ Church, Sunday, August 20th, 1865.

Frederick James, b. 4th April 1861, son of Anne Melissa and James
H. Holmes. Sponsors, S. Gilbert Davidson, Henry R. At-
water, and the mother.

Henry Todd, b. May 16, 1861. son of Maria Lucinda and Wales F.
Perkins. Sponsors, Guy Perkins and the parents.

Geo. Theodore, b. Sept. 26, 1858, son of Lucy Lovisa and Jarvis
Theodore Bronson. Sponsors, Charles F. Clark, Wm. B.
Dickerman, and the mother.

Mar. 7, 1869.

Lydia Amanda, b. Mar. 25, 1866, daughter of George W. and Mar-
garet L. Woodward.

Sponsors, parents and Miss Sarah L. Atwater.

Ella Sarah, b. Sept. 11, 1866, daughter of Street B. and Sarah A.
Todd. Sponsors, the parents and Mrs. Orrin Wheeler.

Mar. 21, 1869.

Maud Genevieve, b. Oct. 18, 1868, daughter of Horatio Nelson and
Laura De Etta Clark, of Prospect.

Sponsors, Mrs. Sarah L. Atwater, the mother, and Guy Perkins.
1870.

June 5, William Irving, son of Leroy Wm. and Lovena Maria Tuttle.
Sponsors, parents and Mrs. Sanford.

June 5, Lucy Irene, daughter of Stiles C. Williams.
Sponsors, parents.

June 5, Fannie Grace, daughter of Evelyn O. and Martha L. Pardee.
Sponsors, the parents and Mrs. Lydia N. Sperry.

Aug. 14, Charles Willard, son of Edward C. and Lucy E. Culp of Norwalk, Ohio, b. Jan. 1, 1869.

Sponsors, Mrs. Esther Punderson and the mother.

1871.

April 16, Theodore James and Minnie Amelia, children of Wales Clark.

Sponsors, the mother and Evelyn O. and Martha L. Pardee.

April 30, Polly Maria Talmage, an adult.

Witnesses, Mr. Geo. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Martha L. Pardee.

May 12, 1872, Mary Amelia Beecher, an adult.

Witnesses, Evelyn Pardee, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Evelyn Pardee.

ADULTS BAPTIZED IN CHRIST CHURCH SINCE EASTER, 1836.

May 15, 1836, Daniel Thomas, at his house.

1837.

Feb. 28, Mary Ives, wife of Lewis Doolittle

March 20, Bennett Whitticus, (col.)

June 4, Hulda Allen.

Oct. 8, Sarah Robbins, wife of A. P. Judd.

Jennette, wife of Newel Lounsbury.

May 28, 1843, Lucy Hoadley, wife of Garry Hoadley ; Elizabeth Perkins, Pamela J. Chatfield.

1844, Julia Ann Chapman, Chas. F. Clark, Lucy Louisa Beecher.

Oct. 17, 1846, Ira Perkins, Laura Hotchkiss, Lucretia Lines, Emily Castle, Julia A. Castle, Hannah I. Perkins, Angeline Hitchcock.

May 28, 1859, Henry W. Brown.

June 10, 1860, Sarah Ann, wife of Street B. Todd.

June 30, 1861, Anna Eliza Deming, Laura Anna Hitchcock, Huldah, wife of G. Beecher Johnson, Deette Eliza Downs.

April 27, 1862, Estella Augusta Driver, Polly Teressa Stidman (col.)

May 22, 1864, James Harlen Craw, Lovenia Maria Tuttle.

Aug. 13, 1865, Mrs. Martha Lucinda, wife of James H. Craw.

Louisa, daughter of Ezra Stiles.

Juliet Elizabeth, daughter of Louisa Sperry.

Aug. 18, 1865, Annie Melissa, wife of J. H. Holmes.

June 13, 1866, Charles Thomas, aged 66 years. Clinic baptism, he being confined to the bed with sickness.

April 28, 1866, Belinda Catherine, wife of Andrew T. Hotchkiss ;
Christina Elizabeth, wife of Edward Beecher ; Rosette Amanda
and Kate Emeline, daughters of Dr. A. C. Woodward ; Sarah
Jane, wife of S. Gilbert Davidson.

May 5, 1867, Mrs. Hannah, relict of the late Major Lounsbury ;
Sarah Jane, daughter of William Burnham.

Sept. 20, 1868, Eveline Augusta, daughter of Frederick and Rhoda
Tuttle, born July 28, 1850.

Sept. 26, 1868, Mrs. Rosella, wife of Theron Allen.

March 14, 1869, Edson Jesse, son of Howel Beecher.

1872.

June 16, Agnes May Tuttle, dau. of Leroy W. and Lovena M. Tuttle.

June 16, Herbert Goram, son of Eneas and Alice Goram.

June 16, Walton Perkins Clark, son of Horatio N. and Laura De
Ette Clark.

June 26, Tyler Daniel Davidson, son of Gilbert S. and Sarah Jane
Davidson.

Dec. 7, Adelia May Hotchkiss, daughter of Harpin and Charlotte
E. Hotchkiss.

Dec. 7, Fanny Maria Baldwin, child of Polly and Henry T. Bald-
win.

1875.

Mar. 21, Ray Carrington French, son of Herbert French.

BAPTISMS BY C. W. COLTON.

N. B.—The infant and adult baptisms are from this date included in the same list.

1876, Jan. 16, Grace Emma Bradley, daughter of Henry B. and
Polly Maria Bradley.

1877.

April 8, Martha Grace Sperry, adult, daughter of Allyn and Grace
E. Sperry.

May 20, Ida Sarah, daughter of Stiles C. and Ellen H. Williams.
Walter Stiles, son of Stiles C. and Ellen H. Williams.

Leta Tolles, daughter of Edward and Christina Beecher.

Ida May, daughter of Henry W. and Mrs. Sarah B. Brown.

1878,

April 21, Emma Aminta, daughter of Frederick A. and Celia E.
Perry.

June 9, Mary Ann Beecher, an adult, daughter of Wm. and Elizabeth Basham.

Nathan French Mansfield, an adult, son of Stephen and Amy Mansfield.

Georgiana Bunnell, an adult, daughter of George and Jane Bunnell.

Sept. 15, Lilah Lydia, daughter of Dennis and Sarah V. Tuttle.

Charles Seymour Tuttle, son of Dennis and Sarah V. Tuttle Megin.

Nelson Newton, son of Henry R. and Esther J. Beecher.

Edwin George, son of Evelyn O. and Martha L. Pardee.

Clarence Garry, son of David F. and Amelia M. Smith.

William Sperry, son of David F. and Amelia M. Smith.

1879.

May 4, Katie Irene, an adult, daughter of Harpin H. and Charlotte E. Hotchkiss.

Ida Estella, an adult, daughter of Harpin H. and Charlotte E. Hotchkiss.

May 5, Monday, Helen Matilda, daughter of Clarence W. and Cora D. Colton. Baptized by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. J. Williams, D. D., L. L. D., at his visitation of the parish. The first baptism in the new Font, which was placed in the Church this day.

Oct. 19, Rollin Frederick, son of Frederick W. and Mary A. Beecher.

June 6, Jennie Frances, daughter of Frederick A. and Celia E. Perry.

1880.

June 27, Daisy Etta, child of Samuel A. and Charlotte F. Woodward.

July 25, Rachel Prindle and Grace Sylvia, children of Dr. J. N. and Rachel P. Parker, Woodbridge.

FUNERALS ATTENDED IN THE PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH,

BETHANY, SINCE EASTER.

1836.

April 10, Juliette, daughter of Levi Peck, 13.

April 20, Catherine French, 8.

April 26, Rebecca Collins, 43.

July 17, Laura Tolles, 32.
 Aug. 16, Ery Lounsbury, 64.
 Sept. 23, James E., son of Eli Carley, 2.
 Oct. 3, Abber Lines, Jun., 44.
 Oct. 19, Jay, son of Jared Allen, 3.
 Dec. 2, Noyes Sperry, 34.
 Dec. 15, Sarah Jane, daughter of Eli Terrell, 4.

1837.

Jan. 10, Cloe Bradley, 55.
 Jan. 22, John Ferdinand, son of the Rev. J. H. Rouse, 1 ½.
 Jan. 24, Jane, child of Lewis Tolles, 1.
 Jan. 25, Nancy Johnson, 38.
 March 19, Obadiah Lounsbury, 42.
 April 1, Betsey S. Hotchkiss, 71.
 April 24, Nancy Terrell, 39.
 May 12, Nathan Beers, 75.
 June 3, Jennette Durand, 21.
 June 8, Burton, son of Silas Wooding, 5.
 June 15, Isaac F., son of Jared Pritchard, 4.
 July 1, Lucy Lounsbury, 34.
 Sept. 22, Enoch Newton, 65.

1838.

Jan. 15, Reuben Hicox, 42.
 March 10, Sally Hotchkiss, 70.
 23, John Wilmot, 60.
 May 1, Caleb Doolittle, 65.
 Sept. 16, Nancy Bradley, 15.
 Oct. 12, Ezra Sperry, 72.
 15, Henry Sanford, 41.
 Nov. 21, Wallace, son of Stiles Russell, 1.

1839.

Jan. 17, Thankful Terrell, 88.
 March 24, Cyrus D. Carrier, Col. C, 38.
 April 10, Rhoda Doolittle, 64.
 13, Allen Thomas, 49.
 24, Hannah Lounsbury, 69.
 June 9, Mary Castle, 29.
 20, Leonena Lewis, dau. of C. D. Carrier, 11.
 July 9, Elisha Hotchkiss, 72.

July 13, Cyrus, son of C. D. Carrier, 9.
 Oct. 13, Lucy Sperry, 51.

1840.

Jan. 8, Wm. D. Purdy, 80.
 28, Nancy Maria (colored), 7.
 May 17, Maria Sperry, 28.
 July 4, Reuben Judd, 69.
 Nov. 10, Dolly Chatfield, Mrs., 56.

1841.

Jan. 12, Daniel Thomas, 57.
 April 14, Mary Hawley, 53.
 23, Sarah Buckingham, Mrs., 77.
 May 12, Jared Tolles, 89.
 July 19, Clarissa Doolittle, 60.
 Dec. 28, Abijah P. Judd, 37.

1842.

Feb. 12, William H. Thomas, 18.
 March 2, Archibald Perkins, 83.
 4, Ephraim L. Perkins, 32.
 May 29, Pena Lounsbury, 68.
 Stephen Hotchkiss, 42.
 Aug. 29, Silliman Hotchkiss, 57.
 Sept. 24, Juliet Sperry, 4.
 Oct. 9, Jesse Hitchcock, 47.
 L. B. Whitticus (colored), 26.
 Mrs. Silliman Hotchkiss, 53.

1843.

Feb. 6, Mrs. Harmon Allen, 49.
 13, John Woodin, 70.
 15, David Downs, 57.
 March 11, Julia Morris, 48.
 12, W. H. Burnham, 11.
 Daniel Russell, 67.
 Wm. Woodin.
 April 7, child of Edwin Lines, 1 yr. 9 mo.
 Wid. Russia (colored), 80.
 Sept., Capt. Chauncey Tuttle, 72.

1844.

Feb. 1, Elizabeth Brown, 70.
 8, Isaac Sperry, 84.

- Feb. 11, Mrs. Felix Downs, 79.
 22, Eber Lines, 89.
 22, ——— Whitticus (colored), 63.
 May 18, Miss Polly Hitchcock, 61.
 Calvin Tuttle, 57.
 Sept. 8, Wid. Patience Judd, 89.
 Ezra Kimberly, 81.
 Jehiel Castle, 34.
- 1845.
- Wife of Noyes Hotchkiss, 20 or 21.
 April 7, Enos Beecher (suicide), 32.
 15, Hez. Thomas, 53.
 Mrs. Major Hotchkiss.
 Aug., Benjamin Perkins.
 Child of Horace Tolles.
 Child of Nehemiah Tolles.
 Anna Doolittle.
 8, Child of Sheldon Allen, 17 months.
 24, Child of Curtiss Tolles, 8 months.
 Sept. 9, Hezekiah Brown, 67.
 Dec., Child of Jesse Hotchkiss, 5.
- 1846.
- Aug. 29, Stiles Hotchkiss.
 Sept. 28, Sarah Perkins.
 Oct. 4, Luther Smith, 48.
 7, Lines Prince, Infant,
 Nov. 21, Edwin Lines, 31.
 Dec. 31, David Beecher, 56.
- 1847.
- Jan. 11, Sarah Smith, 24.
 Feb. 22, Phenetta Andrew, 37.
 28, Hannah Hotchkiss, 80.
 March 12, Eli Todd, 75.
 April 30, Sally Lounsbury, 77.
 May 29, Chloe Tuttle, 5.
 Sept. 12, Adelia Thomas, 18.
 19, Horace Tolles, 46.
 29, Reuben Doolittle, 76.
 Oct. 16, Abel Prince, 57.

Nov. 5, Stephen Hotchkiss, 88.

Ellen Tolles, 15 months.

Dec. 6, Eliza Perkins, 27.

1848.

Feb. 5, Felix Downs, 89.

May 6, Jane Kimberly of Woodbridge, 31.

21, Lyman Tuttle of Hamden, 86.

27, Betsey Underville (colored), 39.

July 13, Garry Sperry, 40.

Aug. 23, Isaac B. Brooks, 27.

Sept. 21, Rebecca Perkins, Hamden, 68.

29, Benjamin Beers, 77.

Dec. 11, Nathan R. Morris, 57.

20, Sarah Beecher, 63.

1849.

Jan. 23, Eliakim Smith, child of Mr. Dickerman of Cheshire, 19 m.

March 10, Abigail Sperry, from Oxford, 79.

April 20, Solomon Hotchkiss, 93.

29, Israel Thomas, 65.

May 2, Eunice Perkins of Hamden, 73.

18, Asaph Umberfield, 22.

23, Amos Hitchcock, a Congregationalist, 87.

July 26, Rebecca Umberfield, 69.

Aug. 8, Anna Perkins, a Congregationalist, 78.

16, S. Bird Woodward, son of Dr. A. C. Woodward, 7.

31, Alanson Tuttle of Hamden, 49.

Sept. 5, Mrs. E. Russia, 48.

9, Howard Wales, son of Wales F. Perkins, 20 months.

18, Lewis Lines, 57.

Oct. 1, S. E. Collins, daughter of Jeremiah Collins, 5.

16, Jeremiah Sperry, 60.

17, Eliza M. Tolles, daughter of Isaac B. Tolles, 20 months.

19, Major D. Collins, son of Jeremiah Collins, 6.

25, Sally Morriss, 59.

Nov. 23, Stephen Wooding, 64.

1850.

March 1, Hobart B. Tuttle, 20.

April 3, Amarilla Sanford, 70.

5, Patty Sperry, 65.

April 7, Benjamin Collins, 83.

8, Wales G. Perkins, son of Wales E. Perkins, 8 months.

May 4, Charles Johnson, 30.

June 25, Frederick Beri, son of Beri F. Beecher, 4.

July 30, Jane R. Perkins, 27.

Sept. 11, Eugene Walter, son of R. O. Nettleton of N. H., 6 months.

Oct. 3, Watrous Tolles, son of Curtis Tolles, 5.

Nov. 11, Sarah Johnson, 63.

1851.

July 1, Major Hotchkiss, 63.

August 16, Child of Allen Hitchcock, 8.

Sept. 20, Frank S. Alaby, child of Mrs. Harrison Thomas, 2.

22, Augustus Castle, 44.

Oct. 14, Lyman Downs, 72.

Nov. 15, Anna Eliza Clark, 25.

28, Eber Hotchkiss, 55.

1852.

Jan. 17, Levi Peck, 71.

Feb. 14, Infant child of I. Ford, 1 month.

March 5, Orrin Hine, 51.

7, Jeremiah Camp, 60.

9, Fanny Prince, 58.

29, Eliza A. Hitchcock, 40.

May 2, Caroline Hotchkiss, wife of Jesse Hotchkiss, 34.

22, Truman Terryll, 67.

23, Betsey Bradley, 33.

August 6, Lois Perkins, wife of A. A. Perkins, 51.

Sept. 21, Mrs. Race, 26.

Nov. 21, John Andrew, 22.

Dec. 11, Maria Lyons, 46.

1853.

Feb. 12, Jane Eliza Beecher, daughter of Milo Beecher, 13.

April 20, Dr. Jehiel Castle, 81.

May 17, Anna Wooding, 79.

July 5, Nancy Sanford, 76.

Aug. 26, Harriet French, 62.

Sept. 14, Nehemiah Tolles, 43.

Oct. 18, Celia Sperry, 21.

Oct. 30, Silas Wooding, 50.

FUNERALS ATTENDED BY THE REV. H. TOWNSEND.

- April 1, Widow Anna Woodin, 92.
 May 7, Widow Rhoda Wheeler (Congregationalist), 72.
 9, Lysias Beecher, wife of Allen Doolittle.
 July 4, Mrs. Mary Ann Doolittle, buried July 6, 40.
 25, Mary Grace Pierpont, wife of W. S. Pierpont, 20, d. July 25.
 August 4, Alexis Rosha (Mulatto), 55, d. 3d.
 August 8, Emerit Brown, daughter of Mrs. Eunice Brown, 27, d. 7th.
 25, Jared Hotchkiss, 50, d. 24th.
 27, Mrs. Wd. Lucy Beecher, relict of Lysias B., 71, d. 26th.
 Sept. 1, Tenta Lines, wife of Abel Lines, 68, d. Aug. 31st.
 1, Mary E., daughter of Geo. Driver, West Haven, 14 months.
 12, Mrs. Polly A. Sackett, wife of — Sackett, 80, d. 11.
 Oct. 5, Mrs. Anna Lines, relict of Abel Lines, 95 years and 11 months, d. 3d.
 26, Josephine L. Hubbell, child of Joseph O. Hubbell, 15 months, d. 25th.
 30, Emma E., child of Joseph O. Hubbell, 3, d. 28th.
 Nov. 2, Mrs. Huldah Sperry, wife of Chas. Sperry, 68, Woodbridge, d. Oct. 31st.
 16, James Driver, 77, d. 14th.
 Dec. 20, Frederick, infant son of Neh'h Andrew, 10 months, d. 19th.

FUNERALS DURING THE MINISTRY OF REV. CHARLES J. TODD.

1855.

- Feb. 28, Jane A. Scoville, daughter of Chester and Minerva Scovill, 23, d. 26th.
 March 1, Edward Charles, son of Charles and Hannah Thomas, 23.
 April 3, Frances May, daughter of Isaac and Emily Perkins, 3.
 27, Rhoda Hotchkiss, wife of Spencer Hotchkiss, 52.
 16, Julia Ella, daughter of Isaac and Emily Perkins, 7.
 18, Zephaniah Downs, 72.
 23, Samuel Herbert, son of Beri E. and Mary M. Beecher, 7.
 May 24, Jane Ella, daughter of Adna and Elizabeth Hotchkiss, 6.
 August 24, Howard French, infant son of Wales French Perkins and Maria Lucy Perkins, 1 year and 4 months.
 Sept. 9, Henry A. Carrington, 47.
 24, Seymour Tuttle, 71, d. 23d.
 Nov. 24, Dennis Beecher, son of Andrew Beecher, 31, d. 22d.

Nov. 26, Mary Hitchcock, wife of Isaac Hitchcock, d. 22d.

Dec. 8, Mrs. Thirza Lines, 64. -

24, Hoel Beecher, son of Jesse Beecher, 45.

1856.

Jan. 3, Ichabod UMBERFIELD, 71.

11, Polly Russell, wife of John Russell, 54.

Feb. 10, Jesse Doolittle 78, d. 8th.

March 16, Albert J. CRAW, son of James H. and Frances J. CRAW, 8.

FUNERALS DURING THE RECTORSHIP OF REV. JAMES ADAMS, COMMENCING OCT. 7, 1856.

Oct. 14, Harriet Maria, daughter of Daniel W. and Henrietta Russell, 18 months.

1857.

Feb. 10, Asaph French of Prospect, aged 72.

March 15, Mrs. Deming, 50.

31, Mabel Morris. wife of Chauncey Morris, 29.

May 13, Ira Perkins, 68.

August 15, Sarah Ann Beecher, wife of Guy Beecher, 32.

23, Harriet Thomas, wife of Leveret Thomas, 56.

Oct. 5, Dorcas Judd, 96.

Nov. 2, Mary A. Beecher, wife of Wm. S. Beecher of Prospect, 27.

7, Bede Todd, mother of Leonard Todd, 78.

Dec. 21, Verus Candee, 76.

1858.

Jan. 15, Mrs. Esther Marks, 64.

30, Asena Perkins, 91.

Feb. 20, Allen Hitchcock.

FUNERALS BY F. B. W.

Child of Daniel Tolles (Woodbridge).

Charles Thrall (Prospect), 53.

July 18, Philo Hotchkiss, Bethany.

Sept. 26, Julia A. Sampson (colored), 14.

1859.

Jan. 7, Mary Lounsbury, 83.

March 11, Eliakim Smith, 74.

April 21, Lydia Nettleton, 63.

May 29, Joseph Bradley, 77.

Oct. 1, Jeremiah Tuttle, 44

Nov. 12, Calvin Downs, 22.

1860.

Jan. 16, Isaac Terrill, 60.

18, — Northrop, 25.

March 28, Harley Hotchkiss, 70.

May 19, Harry French, 68.

June 20, Charles L. Judd, 24.

Nov. 20, Martha J. Beecher, 25.

Dec. 16, John Clemens, 51.

1861.

Jan. 26, Abner Warner of Hamden, 93.

Feb. 7, Sheldon Wooding, 76.

20, Micah Sperry, 80,

28, Frank, son of Beecher Johnson, 7.

March 15, Mrs. Olive Austin, 72.

16, Francis, infant son of F. Breckle, Woodbridge, 2.

17, Friend, son of Anon Atwater, 19.

April 14, Melinda, relict of David Beecher, 69.

18, Jane E. Doolittle (at Seymour), 25.

May 19, Mrs. Elizabeth Driver, 66.

29, Wid. Hitchcock, the mother of Beri E. Beecher, 84.

June 14, Henry B. Lounsbury, 2.

August 25, Adna Hotchkiss, 44.

Sept. 22, Samuel Pelton, 26.

24, Irvin Lounsbury, 18.

Oct. 3, Mary L. Prince, 12.

Nov. 18, Son of Noyes Johnson, 10 weeks.

20, Mrs. Eunice Hotchkiss, 88.

Dec. 1, Wid. Ira Perkins, 70.

1862.

March 3, Capt. Jesse Beecher, 77.

10, Mrs. Caroline Tolles, 56.

April 16, William Donnell, 20.

May 2, Althea Buckingham, 43.

22, Leverett Thomas, 62.

July 27, Alva Gaylord, 72.

Sept. 22, Wid. Harvey Hotchkiss, 77.

27, Albert Eugene, son of James Craw, 5.

Oct. 18, Mrs. Isaac Doolittle, 60.
 26, Wid. Mary Castle.
 29, Ellen Kimball, (Prospect) 19.
 Nov. 16, Mrs. James Patterson, 38.
 21, Mary S., wife of Herbert French, 25.

1863.

Jan. 6, Benjamin M. Collins, 72.
 16, Henrietta, wife of D. W. Russell, 39.
 21, Edson Hotchkiss, 32.
 Feb. 8, John Wooding, 50.
 27, Orrin Hitchcock, 51.
 May 3, Major Lounsbury, 69.
 June 26, Isaac Hitchcock, 88.
 29, Nelson Newton Beecher, 20 yrs, 8 mo., died at Annapolis, Md., soldier 27 Reg. C. V.
 Sept. 22, Roenna E. Thomas, 8 years, dau. of Daniel Harrison Thomas.
 Oct. 3, Betsey Perkins, wife of Beecher Hotchkiss and dau. of Guy Perkins, 42.
 14, Henry French, 53.
 27, Marion Cornelia, 11 yrs., 11 mo., 13 days, dau. of Charles Tuttle.
 Nov. 3, Enos Perkins, 70, nearly.
 10, Lucy, 51, wife of Garry Hoadley.
 18, Horace Preston, 55.

1864.

Mar. 9, Abel Linds, 76.
 12, Patty Hotchkiss, 81, sister of Abel Linds.
 13, John Hitchcock, 26.
 29, Patty Harris Hotchkiss, 71.
 29, Isa Annett, 11 years, dau. of Andrew Hotchkiss.
 May 6, Delia E., wife of John Wesley Weed, 36.
 17, Laura Woodin, dau. of Andrew and Hannah Beecher, 26.
 25, Cornelia Ella, wife of Henry Edward Lounsbury, 29.
 June 19, Netty, dau. of Charles Preston of Prospect, 6.
 Aug. 19, Ada Whiticus, (col'd) 88.

Aug. 20, Abigail Hitchcock, 91.
 Oct. 5, Laura E. Doolittle, dau. of Alfred Doolittle, 40.

1865.

Jan. 27, George Hotchkiss, 2d, 31.
 Feb. 19, Starr Sperry, son of Ezra Stiles Sperry, 24.
 Mar. 1, Daniel Lynes, 65, a native of Ireland.
 13, Eugene Burton Castle, 18.
 17, Oliver Buckingham, 82.
 18, Alfred Crittenden, infant son of (late) Starr and Mary D. Sperry, 4 1 2 months.
 Apr. 9, Philip Sampson, (col'd) 66.
 18, Laura May, dau. of Wales French and Maria Lucinda Perkins, 11 mo.
 May 3, Ezra Stiles Sperry, 66.
 Aug. 3, Eden Johnson, 85.
 38, Henry A. Doolittle of Woodbridge, 20, married 9th Apr. last.
 Oct. 2, Mary Jane, dau. of Charles and Laura Austin, 5.
 22, Charity, wife of Wm. H. Lounsbury, dau. of Oliver Buckingham, 52.
 Dec. 18, Mrs. Charlotte Woodin, 78, relict of the late Sheldon Woodin.

1866.

Feb. 15, Noyes Hotchkiss, 51.
 July 6, Mrs. Dolly Eliza, wife of Dr. Edward P. Woodward, 31 y, 10 mo.
 Sept. 2, Freddie, son of Frederick and Harriet Amanda Warner, 3 y, 9 mo.
 13, Jennett, wife of Newel Lounsbury, 63.
 26, Lemira Sherman, 85.
 Oct. 31, Beecher Hotchkiss, 52.
 Nov. 20, Mrs. Hannah Peck, 77.
 Feb. 18, Mrs. Huldah, wife of Ebenezer P. Parker in Woodbridge, 72.
 May 23, Esther, dau. of the late Oliver Buckingham, 61.
 June 27, Antoinette, wife of Dr. Edward P. Woodward, 28. Ten weeks after marriage.

Sept. 29, Mrs. Sarah, relict of the late David Downs, 85.

1868.

Jan. 2, Mrs. Betsey, relict of Jessie Doolittle, 86, d. Dec. 31, 1867.

5, Alice Louisa, dau. of Andrew C. and Ruth Ann Brown, 2 yrs, 6 mo. Died 3rd.

Feb. 5, Amanda, wife of Pulaski Chatfield, 74.

Mar. 4, Elizabeth, relict of the late Jeremiah Camp of Prospect, 71.

5, Israel Schofield, d. Feb. 29, 53 years, late of Paris, N. Y.

Apr. 29, Charles Seymour Tuttle, 52, d. 27.

May 24, Mrs. Clarinda, wife of Albert Hoadley, 78.

24, Mrs. Fanny, relict of the late Amasa Brooks of Prospect, 82.

July 18, Clark Seeley, 66, d. 17th.

Dec. 19, Isaac Doolittle, 68, d. 17th.

22, Merrit Sanford, 71, d. 20th.

1869.

Jan. 13, Abner Archibald Perkins, 84 yrs., 4 mo., 24 days, d. 10th.

BURIALS BY MARTIN MOODY.

May 2, Mrs. Lucretia Gorham, wife of Eneas Gorham, 43, d. Apr. 30.

July 23, Wm. McClure, 58, d. 21st.

Aug. 19, Winthrop Dudley Wooding, 9 days, d. 18th.

Nov. 28, Mrs. Mary French.

1870.

Feb. 2, Mrs. Huldah Johnson, wife of A. Beecher Johnson, d. Jan. 31st.

Dec. 28, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrew, 45.

1871.

Jan. 22, John Russel, 84 nearly, d. 19th.

Apr. 13, Mrs. Nancy Bradley, 86. Funeral at the house of her son Marcus Bradley, d. 10th.

16, Tubal Sanford, 88.

Charles Thomas.

Aug. 17, Ella Isabel Hotchkiss, 3 y., 7 m.

17, Clara Louisa Robertson, 6 m., 9 d.

Dec. 15, William Belany Dickerman, 63. 31, Lucy Kimberly, 95.

1872.

Jan. 14, Horace Bushnell Osborn.

Feb. 22, Ann Downs, 85. Funeral at the house of Alfred Doolittle

Mar. 11, Chancey Burritt Tuttle, 73.

July 14, Albert Hoadley, 81. Funeral at the house of Harpin Hotchkiss.

Agnes May Tuttle.

Oct. 6, Leroy W. Tuttle, 84.

Nov. 8, Diantha Pitcher.

Dec. 5, John Jackson Donell.

11, Charley E. Donell.

1873.

Jan. 4, Adella May Hotchkiss.

May 13, Mrs. Sarah E. Tolles, 66.

14, Mr. Alonzo Sperry, 59.

26, Mrs. Celestia Terrill, 63.

June 29, Mrs. Thirza Bradley of Prospect, 81.

July 7, Charles Gay Lounsbury, 44.

25, Grace A. Woodin, Woodbridge, infant daughter of Lambert Woodin, 6 mo., 1 d.

29, Mrs. Abigail B. Umberfield, Prospect, 65.

30, Minnie Sarah Williams, infant daughter of Stiles C. Williams.

Sept. 1, Wales Henry Perkins, son of Homer Perkins, 9 mo.

1874.

Jan. 25, Eber E. Downs, Woodbridge, 58.

Feb. 17, Orin Wheeler, 60.

Apr. 5, Mrs. Laura Perkins, wife of Willis Perkins, 64.

22, Jared Allen, 81.

May 9, Mrs. Louis Andrews, relict of Job Andrews, 77.

Aug. 13, Merit Wooding, of Straitsville, 53.

17, Mrs. Augusta Smith, 64.

Nov. 2, Mr. Curtiss Towles, 56.

Dec. 21, Mrs. Sarah B. Carrington.

27, Mr. Lyman Sperry.

1875.

Jan. 26, Star Bradley Dickerman, son of
Wales C. Dickerman, 2.

Mar. 13, Charles Preston, 53.
28, Ray Carrington French, 15.

FUNERALS BY C. W. COLTON.

Aug. 18, Jessie, dau. of Charles A. Rob-
ertson, 11 days.

1876.

Jan. 28, Andrew Beecher, 75.

Mar. 7, Mrs. Hannah Lounsbury, widow
of Major Lounsbury, 77.

April 8, Leonard Todd, 76.

21, Anson Perkins, d. April 10, 80.

May 22, Mrs. Ruth N. Brown, d. May 20, 38

June 4, David E., son of Abram Carrington, d. June 2, 1 year, 6 months.

June 16, Elizur Young, d. in Prospect
June 14, aged 46.

Oct. 7, Mrs. Harmon Allen, d. Oct. 6, 82.

Dec. 9, Andrew I. Hotchkiss, d. Dec. 7,
aged 58.

1877.

Jan. 18, Mrs. Betsey Adams, d. Jan. 15,
aged 108.

Feb. 16, Mrs. Crownage Lounsbury, d.
Feb. 14, aged 66.

Mar. 6, Mrs. Sarah B. Smith, d. Mar. 3,
aged 86.

June 8, Nathan Prince, d. June 6, 82.

July 28, Daniel Norrison Thomas, d.
July 2, aged 54.

Aug. 26, Mrs. Russell Chatfield, d. Aug.
24, aged 83.

Oct. 7, Mrs. Dorcas Sperry, d. Oct. 6, 85.

Nov. 11, Mrs. Annie Clark, d. Nov. 9, 79.

1878.

Jan. 8, Alanson Morris, d. Jan. 5, aged 64.

Mar. 13, Eddie Sanford, son of T. L. and
Lottie M. Sanford, d. in Water-
bury, Mar. 12, aged 2 mo., 1 d.

14, Garry Hoadley, d. Mar. 12, 71.

July 10, Russell Chatfield, d. July 8, 90.

20, Marshall E., son of Seymour
Russell, d. July 19, aged 9 mos.

Aug. 30, Mrs. Alma Perkins, d. Aug. 28,
aged 80.

Sept. 4, George Hotchkiss, d. Aug. 2, 69

Nov. 14, Mrs. Emily Y. Buckingham, d.
Nov. 19, aged 54.

1879.

Jan. 7, Carrie Luella Bronson, dau. of
Edward Bronson, d. Jan. 4, 4 1-2 m

18, Mrs. Ellen McClure, d. Jan. 16, 90.

Mar. 4, Crownage Lounsbury, d. Feb.
28, aged 76.

Apr. 4, McDonald Fisher, d. April 2, 63.

May 26, Mrs. Julia A. Tolles, d. May 24,
aged 66.

July 19, Archie N., son of Charles A.
Robertson, d. July 17, aged 10 mo.

Aug. 4, Mrs. Elmira Doolittle, d. Aug. 1,
aged 77.

Sept. 21, Harmon Allen, d. Sept. 19, 93.

Oct. 22, Mrs. Chloe Tuttle, d. Oct. 20, 93.

Dec. 27, Mrs. Eliza Davidson, d. Dec. 25,
aged 71.

1880.

Feb. 19, Mrs. Almeda E. Allen, d. Feb.
16, aged 35.

23, Levi Marks, d. Feb. 21, 88.

Apr. 9, Lewis Tolles, d. April 7, aged 75.

21, Birdsey Allen, d. Apr. 19, 23.

May 25, Enos Sperry, d. May 23, aged 79.

Aug. 5, Emily T. Perkins, wife of Isaac
Perkins, d. Aug. 3, aged 55.

Sept. 17, Betsey Ann Samson, wife of
Lines Leneer, d. Sept. 16, aged 41

27 Chas E Clark, Beacon Falls, d.

Sept. 25, aged 52.

Dec. 3, Mrs. Lucy Thomas, 78

11, Jeremiah Collins, d. Dec. 9, 69.

1894.

Rev. J. Tragitt, Rector.

Dec. 21, Mrs. Sarah Downs, d. Dec. 19, 72

25, Marcus Austin, d. Dec. 23, 63.

From the Records of Trinity Church, New Haven.

Rev. Bela Hubbard, who was rector of Trinity church, New Haven, from 1767 to 1812, frequently came to Bethany and held services and performed the rites of baptism, marriage and burial. The following data of services performed in Bethany have been carefully gleaned from the Trinity church records:

April 18th, 1770. At a lecture at Bethany baptized Alley, Jesse, Elizabeth, Rayment, James and David, children of—Carrington, Benajah Peck and Sarah his wife, sponsors.

At a lecture at Bethany Jan. 30th, 1776, baptized Sarah, daughter of Abram and Rebecca Carrington. The above children with proper sureties.

At a lecture in Bethany September 26th, 1780, baptized Uri, Dennis, Zimri, Lyman, Dan, Sarah, Lois, children of Isaac and Mary Sperry; Rosana, daughter of Mansfield and Elizabeth Peck; Charles, son of Abram and Rebecca Carrington; Elizabeth and Hannah, daughters of Ebenezer and Hannah Bishop.

Baptized at Bethany January 10th, 1781, George Frederick, son of Mansfield and Elizabeth Peck; sponsors, Benajah Peck, Elizabeth Beecher, Sarah Peck.

At a lecture in Bethany, May 1781, married one couple, and on Sunday, April 22d, 1781, gave the sacrament of the holy Eucharist to 17 persons.

Married, January 29th, 1781, Ebenezer Umberville to Esther Downs, both of Bethany.

February 16th, 1782, baptized at Bethany, Esther, wife to Samuel Gilbert. The same Esther communed for the first time.

September 22d, 1782, baptized at Bethany, 17th Sunday on Trinity, Joseph, son of Abner Bradley. Sponsors, Benajah Peck and parents.

October 21st, 1782. Burial of a child of Eber and Abigail Downs.

June 29th, 1783. Baptized one infant ; and Isaac, Polly, David and Betsey, children of Eber and Abigail Downs.

1784. Baptized Archibald Perkins, Hulday, Sarah, Samuel.
1784. Baptized Lola, daughter of Thaddeus Todd, and Archibald Abner, son of Archibald and Hulday Perkins.

November 27th, 1784. Baptized Samuel, Miles, David, Joel and Esther, children of Joel Sperry.

November 28. Baptized Samuel, son of Abner and Comfort Bradley ; Chauncey, son of Cyrus and Sarah Wooding.

November 29th. Baptized Stephen, Daniel, Enoch, William, Rachel, Mabel, Amos, John, Mary, children of ——Russell.

DATE OF OPENING CHRIST CH., BETHANY.

Bethany. Woodbridge, August 26th, 1785, opened ye Episcopal church by ye name of X church and preached, &c., and baptizd 7 infants.

(Parochial record of Trinity church, page 153.)

May 29th, 1787, baptized Nehemiah, son of Allen and Hulda Carrington. September 16th, buried wife of Umberfield ; buried ye wife of Abram Tuttle, aged 65 years.

Married January, 1793, Uri Tuttle to Margaret Munson.

New Haven, Thursday, December 17th, 1795, at the home of Mr. David Cook, joined in marriage David Thomas of Woodbridge with Rebecca Cook of New Haven.

New Haven, Sunday, June 28th, 1807, published ye banns of marriage between Nathan Prince of Milford and Mary Ann Elizabeth How of New Haven ; and on same day at the house of——York joined them in ye banns of matrimony.

THE HILLS OF BETHANY.

BY REV. L. F. MORRIS, MARCH, 1905.

We live on the hills of Bethany,
Where few of human kind we see,
Where few of human sound we hear,
Where nature's voices charm the ear,
On the hills of Bethany.

A very lonesome place, you'll say,
In which to pass the time away ;
And yet in city's swarming hive
None better live than we, and thrive,
On the hills of Bethany.

We're nearer heaven here than there,
Where men are worn by carking care
And here less vices are allowed.
Far from the city's "madding crowd,"
On the hills of Bethany.

And fresh and sweet the air e'er comes
Untainted by the city's slums,
And, what is best, the atmosphere
Of social life is pure and clear,
On the hills of Bethany.

The proud coal barons send a chill
Through cities, when at their sweet will
The prices rise ; but their demands
We heed not on these wooded lands,
On the hills of Bethany.

No great coal strikes, have pinched us yet,
For wood is plenty and easy to get,
And lacking coal, not one need freeze,
Though Boreas blow his coldest breeze,
On the hills of Bethany.

We hear the voice of uncaged birds
A-singing these exultant words,
"The city's prisoned air we scorn.
As free as eagles we were born.
On the hills of Bethany."

We hear the crow with hungry maw
Proclaim his want with loud caw ! caw !
And robins, singing on the lawn,
Make known the rise of rosy dawn
On the hills of Bethany.

The bobolink carols on the wing,
When winters cease to threaten spring,
And sweet the orioles chants ascend,
As they hang their nests on the long limbs' end,
On the hills of Bethany.

Our eyes are gladdened by living green,
Which in the town is little seen ;
And plants and flowers for all find room
To grow and blossom and shed perfume
On the hills of Bethany.

From these fair heights we look afar ;
And might see Bethlehem's guiding star,
If that were where it once was seen,
And centuries did not lie between,
On the hills of Bethany.

Still to us is divinely given
To see the broad expanse of heaven ;
To see the stars coming trooping out,
And the moon pursue his nightly route
O'er the hills of Bethany.

And we can see the sun arise,
And glorious gild the morning skies,
And that the far horizon gets
Unrivalled pictures as he sets,
On the hills of Bethany.

Ten miles off is the shining sea
Which Indians called Matowaksee,
Where islands keep concealed Kidd's gold—
This sheet of waters we behold,
From the hills of Bethany.

O ye, by city's walls shut in,
And who would purest freedom win,
Move out and try our country life,
With all most useful blessings rife,
On the hills of Bethany.

MARRIAGES.

FROM 1852 TO 1896, FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.

BIRTH, RESIDENCE AND MARRIAGE IN BETHANY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

1852.

- Nov. 7, George Sanford, joiner, and Ann Johnson, m. by Miles French, Esq.
 Nov. 14, Jarvis F. Bronson, b. Derby, and Louisa P. Beecher, m. by Rev. Henry Zell.
 Nov. 18, Jacob W. Wilcox, printer, b. New Haven, r. Waterbury, and Charlotte E. Hurlburt, b. Hartford, r. Waterbury, m. by Rev. H. Zell.

1853.

- Jan. 10, Eli H. Wakelee, mason, b. and r. Derby, and Eunice A. Chatfield, m. by Rev. Henry Zell.
 Feb. 8, Wales C. Dickerman, farmer, b. and r. Hamden, and Celia Todd, teacher, m. by Rev. Henry Zell.
 Mar. 20, Charles O. Perkins, farmer, and Jane Perkins, m. by Rev. H. Zell.
 Apr. 17, Henry N. Johnson, founder, b. and r. Westville, and Sylvia Northrop, teacher, b. and r. Woodbridge, m. by Rev. Henry Zell.
 Oct. 13, John H. Sherwood, farmer, b. Fairfield, r. Southport, and Selina Beecher, by Rev. John M. Guion.
 Oct. 16, Alva K. Munson, farmer, b. and r. Hamden, and Betsey Hitchcock, m. by Rev. Alexander Leadbetter.
 Nov. 20, George A. Hall, carpenter, b. Maine, r. Meriden, and Eliza A. Griswold, b. and r. Rocky Hill, m. by Rev. Alexander Leadbetter.

1855.

- May 20, Archibald A. Perkins, tanner, and Minerva Scoville, m. by Rev. Charles J. Todd.
 Nov. 18, David F. Smith, b. and r. Woodbridge, and Delia E. Northrop, m. by Rev. S. H. Elliot of New Haven.
 Dec. 31, David French, farmer, and Sarah E. Fuller, b. Oxford, m. by H. B. Munson, Esq., Seymour.

1856.

- Jan. 1, Henry E. Lounsbury, farmer, and Cornelia A. Doolittle, b. Hamden, r. Wallingford.

Apr. 5, John Russell, farmer, and Hannah Hotchkiss, m. by Rev. Charles J. Todd.

June 8, Stephen Mansfield, farmer, b. and r. Seymour, and Amy Hotchkiss, m. by Ezra S. Sperry, Esq.

June 29, Azariah Andrews, farmer, and Sarah A. Pardee, b. and r. Orange m. by Rev. O. L. Holcomb.

1857.

Feb. 7, Street B. Todd, farmer, r. New Haven, and Sarah A. Hotchkiss, m. by Rev. James Adams.

May 10, John J. Sperry, farmer, and Elizabeth A. White, b. Seymour, m. by Rev. J. Guernsey, Woodbridge.

Nov. 29, Donald Fisher, farmer, b. Middletown, and Eunice Brown, m. by Rev. E. W. Robinson.

1858.

Feb. 26, Elbert Downs, farmer, and Catherine A. Bailey, b. Woodbridge, m. by Rev. E. W. Robinson.

Apr. 24, Isaac Bradley, farmer, and Fannie A. Castle, b. and r. Woodbridge, m. by Andrew T. Hotchkiss, Esq.

Aug. 19, Levi M. Marks, farmer, b. Milford, and Emeline Pierpont, r. New Haven, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.

Sept. 25, George W. Woodward, farmer, b. Litchfield, and Margaret L. Sperry, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.

1859.

Feb. 1, Jacob Muller, b. Germany, and Licetta Friedman, b. Germany, m. by Rev. Samuel H. Smith, Naugatuck.

Feb. 3, Theodore A. Shephard, b. and r. Chatham, and Ellen L. Ramsdell, b. and r. Chatham, m. by Rev. F. W. Woodward.

July 10, Franklin B. Atwater, farmer, and Elizabeth Barnes, b. Meriden, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.

Nov. —, Mark Sperry, joiner, and Harriet H. Elder, matchmaker, b. Plymouth.

Dec. 22, Charles Austin, farmer, and Laura C. Tuttle, b. Paris, N. Y., r. New Haven, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.

Dec. 22, Henry W. Perkins, blacksmith, and Emily Sanford, b. Hamden, m. in New Haven by Rev. Wm. Weed.

Dec. 22, Edward Buckingham, farmer, and Emily Castle.

1860.

Jan. 7, Charles T. Baily, farmer, b. Hamden, and Emily S. Davis, b. Bristol, m. by E. W. Robinson.

- Jan. 15,** W. Herbert French, wagonmaker, and Mary S. Carrington, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.
- Mar. 25,** Gilbert R. Doane, farmer, b. and r. Westbrook, and Catherine J. Russell, m. by Rev. Alex. D. Stowel.
- Jan. 25,** Rollin J. Bunce, mechanic, b. and r. New Haven, and M. Jane Sanford, m. by O. Evans Shannon, rector of Trinity church, Seymour.
- Apr. 7,** Darius Collins, farmer, and Catherine McClure, b. Ireland, m. by Andrew Hotchkiss, Justice of the Peace.
- Apr. 29,** Charles E. Wooding, farmer, r. Woodbridge, and Elvira C. Clinton, b. and r. Woodbridge, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.
- May 27,** Edward P. Woodward, physician, b. Litchfield, r. Cheshire, and Eliza D. Sperry, m. by Rev. James E. Coley, Westville.

1860.

- June 10,** Allen G. Sperry, farmer, and Grace E. Russell, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.
- June 18,** Miletus Huxford, mechanic, Wolcottville, r. Ansonia, and Kate L. Hale, milliner, b. Woodbridge, r. Ansonia, m. by Rev. F. B. Woodward.
- Aug. 19,** Abel Wilcoxson, farmer, b. Oxford, and Maria Nettleton, b. Watertown, m. by Rev. S. P. Perry, Seymour.
- Sept. 26,** Bennett T. Abbott, minister, b. and r. Middlebury, and Fanny A. Coe, m. by Rev. T. B. Chandler of Naugatuck.
- Oct. 7,** Lewis Hitchcock, farmer, and Valina Hine, b. and r. Woodbridge, m. by Rev. S. B. Woodward.
- Aug. 19,** Abel Wilcoxson, farmer, b. Oxford, and Maria Nettleton, b. Watertown, m. by Rev. L. P. Perry, of Seymour.
- Nov. 12,** Lauren E. Cook, farmer, b. and r. Cheshire, and Caroline E. Perkins, teacher, m. by Rev. S. B. Woodward.

1867.

- Nov. 30,** Dr. Edward P. Woodward and Mary A. Atwood, New Haven.
- Dec. 22,** Leroy William Tuttle and Lovena Maria Tuttle.

1868.

- Jan. 8,** Ely Sanford and Anjennette Caroline Tuttle.
- Jan. 31,** Otis B. Beecher and Eliza Perkins.
- June 17,** Henry F. Bishop, Woodbridge, and Kate E. Sperry.
- Sept. 6,** Daniel Willis Russell and Mary A. Brooks.
- Dec. 1,** Thomas B. McClure and Lucretia Beecher.

1869.

- Feb. 27, William W. Scoville and Mattie E. Talmadge, Prospect.
 May 23, John Henry Westropp, Albany, N. Y., and Mrs. Laura Brooks.
 June 2, George Washington Davis, Seymour, and Martha Harriet Hitchcock.
 June 27, Charles Alex. Robertson, Tennessee, and Hannah Sherman Prince.
 July 12, Charles William Shelton, New Haven, and Eleanor Root Atwater, New Haven.
 Oct. 14, Herbert William Brackett, New Hazen, and Eliza Alice Hitchcock, New Haven.
 Nov. 14, Wales Franklin Sackett, Oxford, and Sarah Jane Burnham.
 Dec. 4, Lester Eugene Tyrrel, Naugatuck, and Mary Patterson, Naugatuck.

1871.

- Feb. 21, Garry Beecher Johnson and Polly Tolles.
 Sept. 5, John Henry Twitchell and Anzonetta Adaline Goodell, Prospect.
 Nov. 23, Hiram Judson and Lydia Tuttle.
 Nov. 29, Lucius Leroy Goodell, Ansonia, and Lillian Eliza Nichols, Naugatuck

1872.

- Feb. 24, Frank Pierce Marsh, Woodbury, and Susan Zilla Atwood, Woodbury
 Mar. 19, David F. Smith and Amelia Marilla Sperry.
 Aug. 11, Dwight L. Hitchcock and Martha Ford, Oxford.
 Oct. 16, Samuel R. Woodward, Watertown, and Charlotte F. Bigelow.
 Dec. 23, Charles D. Allen, Hamden, and Celia A. Lounsbury.
 Jan. 1, Frank L. Doolittle, Woodbridge, and Hattie E. Beecher.
 Jan. 15, Albert Beardsley, Berlin, and Marietta Lounsbury, Hamden.
 June 10, Solon E. Roswell and Ruth A. Roswell, Southbury.
 June 17, Everard B. Clark, Milford, and Princetta M. Pardee.
 Oct. 1, Frederick H. Brown, New Haven, and Kate E. Woodward.

1875.

- Jan. 5, George Lounsbury and Mrs. Mary Jane Phelps, Prospect.
 Feb. 4, Charles E. Ball, New Haven, and Mary S. Woodruff.
 June 21, C.W. Colton and Cora Dickerman, m. by Rt. Rev. J. Williams, D.D.
 Oct. 5, George F. Davis and Fanny H. Dickerman, both of Hamden, m. by Rev. C. W. Colton.
 Nov. 4, Frederick A. Perry, New Haven, and Celia E. Wheeler, m. by Rev. C. W. Colton.
 Dec. 16, Ellis O. Warner, Westville, and Georgiana Woodruff, m. by Rev. C. W. Colton.
 Dec. 27, Richard L. Warner, Hamden, and Josephine French, Beacon Falls.

1877.

Jan. 3, Frederick W. Beecher, and Mary A. Basham.

Dec. 24, in Woodbridge, Dwight E. Todd and Mrs. Catherine E. Bishop,
Woodbridge.

1879.

Oct. 16, in Woodbridge, Limas Lencer, New Haven, and Betsey Ann
Sampson, Woodbridge.

Dec. 10, Dwight O. Hull and Georgiana Bunnell.

1880.

Jan. 28, Frederick S. Hitchcock, Derby, and Martha G. Sperry.

Nov. 28, William H. Downs of Hamden and Mrs. Loverna M. Tuttle, m.
in Woodbridge by Rev. F. B. Woodward.

Dec. 4, Horatio N. Smith, Middlebury, and Mary N. Wright, Albany, N. Y.
1896.

Nov. 22, Lewis W. Russell and Annie Stephens, Scotland.

THE TODD FAMILY.

This family is descended from Christopher Todd, who was born in Pontefract, England. He was baptized Jan. 11, 1617, and came to Boston in 1636, and in 1637 he was in New Haven, where he had a gristmill where Whitney's gun factory now stands. This was long known as Todd's Mill.

Christopher Todd married Grace Middlebrook, and had a son Samuel who married Mary Bradley and had also a son Samuel. Samuel, Jr., married Susannah Tuttle, and had a son Stephen, who married Lydia Ives and had a son Jonah, who moved from Northford in 1783, and bought a large tract of land in the northeast part of Bethany, then Woodbridge. This tract of land, with additional tracts, has been held and occupied by the Todds down to the present time.

Jonah, the fifth in descent from Christopher Todd, was born in Wallingford April 28, 1731. He married Lowly Harrison of Branford and had six sons, Charles, Thaddeus, Thelus, Ambrose, Jonah, Jr., and Ely. He died in Bethany and was buried in the Carrington Cemetery.

Charles married Lydia Ives. The late Major Theron A. Todd of New Haven came through this branch, being a son of Alfred, who was a son of Albert, who was a son of Charles.

Thaddeus was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married Penina Brockett of North Haven and had eleven children.

Thelus married Irene Rogers of Northford. His granddaughter Delia married a brother of the late Rev. L. F. Morris of Bethany.

Ambrose was an Episcopal clergyman. He married Lavina Jarvis of Cheshire. Two sons, Ambrose and Charles Jarvis, were also Episcopal clergymen. The latter preached in Bethany in the fifties.

Jonah, Jr., married Mary Tuttle, daughter of Uri and Thankful (Ives) Tuttle of Bethany. They removed to Plymouth, Conn.

Ely, the youngest child of Jonah and Lowly (Harrison) Todd, married Bede Todd, a daughter of Seth and Mary Todd of North Haven.

Lowly, wife of Jonah Todd, Sr., died July 17, 1775, in her 45th year, and was buried in Northford. Jonah Todd, Sr., married for his second wife Abigail Crittenden, widow of Dr. Hopestill Crittenden. Their children were :

Lucy, m. Daniel Hotchkiss and removed to Andas, Delaware Co., N. Y.

Hannah, m. Alex. Milmine and removed to Lebanon, Madison Co., N. Y.

Chauncey, m. Susan Hotchkiss and removed to Butternuts, N. Y.

Russell Todd, son of Chauncey, an Episcopal clergyman, is living in Lansing, Mich., aged 76. Chauncey Todd's daughter Lucy married Norris Gilbert, and their son Mahlon Norris Gilbert, now deceased, was a bishop of the Episcopal church in Minnesota.

Loly, daughter of Jonah Todd, Sr., married David Perkins of Bethany. She died March 13, 1814, aged 88 years. Nancy Perkins, daughter of David and Loly (Todd) Perkins, married Abraham Lounsbury of Bethany. Their daughter, Sarah Loly Lounsbury, married Nathan Clark of Bethany.

Ely Todd, son of Jonah Todd, Sr., born June 29, 1772, settled down on his father's estate and occupied it until his death, Mar. 10, 1847. He married Bede Todd Jan. 8, 1797. She was born Dec. 2, 1774, and died Nov. 5, 1857. Three children blessed their union: Louisa, born Oct. 11, 1797, married Amos Peck; Leonard, born Nov. 8, 1800, and Mary Ann, born Oct. 11, 1814, married Jesse Allen Doolittle of Hamden. She died July 4, 1854.

Leonard remained on the farm in Bethany. He married, Dec. 24, 1821, Julia Bradley, daughter of Elam and Lowly (Dickerman) Bradley, of Hamden, born Nov. 21, 1800. Seven children blessed their union.

Grace, b. Apr. 1, 1823, m. Rev. F. B. Woodward, d. June, 1898.

Emily, b. June 1, 1825, d. Aug. 3, 1880.

Margaret, b. Mar. 16, 1828, d. Mar. 15, 1886.

Celia, b. July 23, 1830.

Street Bradley, b. Aug. 9, 1832, d. Mar. 12, 1906.

Dwight Ely, b. Sept. 11, 1834, d. Jan. 3, 1901.

Jasper B., b. Sept. 9, 1842.

Emily Todd married Isaac Perkins of Bethany, son of Enos and Alma (Doolittle) Perkins. Their children were :

Julia Ella, d. Apr. 15, 1855.

Francis May, d. May 1, 1855.

Eliza E., b. July 28, 1849, m. Otis Beecher. Both are deceased.

Adna T.

Margaret Todd, daughter of Leonard and Julia Todd, married Chauncey Tolles Beecher, son of Lysias and Lucy (Tolles) Beecher. Children:

Irving Chauncey Tolles, b. Mar. 27, 1856, d. in California Dec., 1902.

Lillian L., b. May 22, 1859, m. Samuel W. Chapman of Waterbury, d. Feb. 16, 1881.

Lysias, b. Sept. 5, 1860, d. Aug. 19, 1890.

Mary, b. Feb. 5, 1862, m. George Meachem.

Angelia, b. Oct. 13, 1865, d. Sept. 22, 1890.

Dr. Hesper Beecher, b. May 11, 1871, d. Feb. 7, 1903.

Celia Todd, daughter of Leonard and Julia Todd, m. Feb. 8, 1853, Caleb Dickerman of Hamden, b. June 12, 1831, the son of Enos and Harriet (Doolittle) Dickerman of Hamden. Both are living. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1903. Their children are:

Francis Harriet, b. Mar. 6, 1854, m. George Davis of New Haven.

Kate Julia, b. May 2, 1857, m. David Andrew.

Fred Wales, b. Mar. 6, 1859, m. Emeline Atwood, residence Hamden.

Elizabeth Celia, b. Feb. 22, 1862, m. Fred Peck.

Burton Street, b. June 12, 1864, d. Feb. 24, 1888.

Edward Todd, b. Apr. 19, 1866, m. Bertha Davis.

Alta May, b. May 5, 1868, m. Willford Clark of Straitsville.

Bennett Jasper, b. May 15, 1871, m. Ruby Russell of Orange, r. Mt. Carmel.

Starr Bradley, b. Mar. 1, 1873, d. Jan. 23, 1875.

Street Bradley Todd, son of Leonard and Julia Todd, m. Feb. 7, 1857, Sarah A. Hotchkiss, residence Bethany until fall of 1905. Children:

Addie M., b. Aug. 4, 1858, m. Joseph Kelly of New Haven.

Ella S., b. Sept. 11, 1866, m. John Crofut of Naugatuck.

Dwight Ely Todd, son of Leonard and Julia, m. Catherine Sperry, daughter of Enos and Rosette (Russell) Sperry of Bethany, and widow of Henry Bishop of Woodbridge. Children:

Leonard Enos, b. May 10, 1880, residence Woodbridge.

Julia Rosette, b. June 24, 1886, residence Woodbridge.

Jasper Bryan Todd, son of Leonard and Julia, resides on the old Todd homestead; married Mary A. Moody, daughter of the late Rev. Martin Moody, rector of Christ church, Bethany, in the 70's. Child:

Mary Elinore, b. Mar. 7, 1892.

The name Todd is from an old Scottish term for fox; hence the representation of a fox on the family arms.



BIRTHS.

FROM THE TOWN RECORDS.

All events in Bethany unless otherwise stated.

1852.

Clark, Ann Eliza, dau. of Stiles and Emma, b. Nov. 10.
 Ford, , son of Clark and Thirza, Dec. 28.

1853.

Russell, Grace Louisa, dau. of Stiles A. and Susan, b. Feb. 22.
 Wheeler, Mary Maria, dau. of Orrin and Mary, b. Apr. 24.
 Hotchkiss, Isa Annette, dau. of Andrew T. and Belinda C., b. Apr. 29.
 Baird, Sarah Maria, dau. of Allen C. and Abigail, b. July 14.
 Johnson, son of Andrew, b. Aug. 23.
 Basham, Hannah Rebecca, dau. of William and Elizabeth, b. Sept. 5.
 Moran, son of John, b. Oct. 5.
 Bronson, Mary Jennett, dau. of Jarvis F. and Lovicy L., b. Oct. 24.
 Hull, Foster Beecher, son of Morrison C. and Eliza, b. Nov. 1.

1854.

Craw, Mary Agnes, dau. of James and Martha L., b. Jan. 3.
 Mix, son of Perry and Hannah, b. Feb. 1.
 Andrews, Frederick, son of Nehemiah and Nancy, b. Feb. 1.
 Perkins, Jay Willis, son of Henry W. and Harriet, b. March 2.
 Northrup, Freddie Allen, son of Allen and Jane, b. April 21.
 Richards, dau. of Sylvester and Gratia.
 Perkins, Howard French, son of Wales and Maria, b. April 23.
 Lounsbury, Mary Ann, dau. of David A. and Sylvia, b. April 28.
 Northrop, Elmer Theodore, son of Charles and Adeline, b. June 1.
 Shaffer, Hugh Gregory, son of Lewis and Mary, b. Aug. 18.
 Beecher, Harriet Elizabeth, dau. of Hoel and Adeline, b. July 30.
 Beach, dau. of Russell M. and Eliza P., b. Sept. 17.
 Wheeler, Celia Ella, dau. of Orrin and Mary, b. Oct. 14.
 Abbott, Jessie Letitia, dau. of Samuel P. and Margaret P., b. Aug. 20.

1855.

- Munson, Fannie Eva, dau. of Lewis T. and Lois, b. Jan. 23.
 Perkins, Edward Henry, son of Henry W. and Harriet, b. Feb. 20.
 Russell, Hattie Maria, dau. of Daniel W. and Henrietta, b. Apr. 14.
 Andrews, Charles Hubert, son of Nathan and Elizabeth, b. May 16.
 Northrop, Lucia Frances, dau. of Allen and Jane, b. Aug. 21.
 Wheeler, Margaret Benecia, dau. of Noyes and Charry S., b. May —
 Lounsbury, Eliza Duella, dau. of Henry and Sarah, b. May 29.
 Bayley, son of Allen and Susan P., b. June 19.
 Basham, Mary Ann, dau. of William and Elizabeth, b. June 22.
 Hubbell, Arthur Norton, son of Joseph O. and Ann, b. July 7.
 Braman, son of John and Ellen, b. July 29.
 Richards, son of Sylvester and Gratia, b. July 29.
 Gaylord, Hattie, dau. of Lyman and Martha, b. Oct. 2.
 Baird, Flora Grace, dau. of Allen C. and Abigail, b. Nov. 24.
 Sperry, Mary, dau. of Alonzo and Rebecca, b. Dec. 9.
 Peck, Frank Eser, son of Titus D. and Louisa E., b. Feb. 10.

1856.

- Warner, Adelaide, dau. of Frederick and Amanda, b. Jan. —
 Perkins, Adna Todd, son of Isaac and Emily, b. May 27.
 Russell, Mary Jane, dau. of Lucius and Elizabeth, b. May 7.
 Conoly, William Morris, son of William and Eliza, b. May 28.
 Perkins, Jane Rebecca, dau. of Wales F. and Maria, b. June 23.
 Hull, Carrie, dau. of Morrison C. and Eliza, b. July 17.
 Wheeler, Christiana Jane, dau. of Orrin and Mary, b. July 27.
 Perkins, Julia Maria, dau. of Charles and Mary, b. Aug. 9.
 Peck, Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Titus Dennis and Louisa E., b. Oct. 2.
 Brown, Wilson Wilbur, son of Andrew P. and Ruth Ann, b. Oct. 17.
 Collins, James Buchanan, son of Jeremiah and Nora, b. Dec. 24.
 Collins, John Breckenridge, son of Jeremiah and Nora, b. Dec. 24.
 Dorman, Frank, son of Philos and Eliza, b. April 25.
 Northrop, Alvina Phinett, dau. of Charles and Adelaide, b. Aug. 12.
 Watkins, Charles M., son of John and Emily A., b. Aug. 22.
 Aspenwall, George C., son of George R. and Eliza A., b. Oct. 2.
 Fitzgerald, Hannorah, dau. of Michael and Bridget, b. Oct. 25.
 Bridge, Lillie Fremont, dau. of Jesse F. and Almira A., b. May 26.
 Odholm, Frederick, son of Gustavus and Jane E., b. Dec. 5.
 Haley, Daniel, son of James and Mary, b. June 25
 Otsego, of , Aug. 28.

Clark, Sheldon, son of Charles F. and Anna, b. Sept. 21.

1857.

Herwood, Thomas, son of Andrew and Daffany, b. Jan. 21.

McDonald, Wm. Henry, son of John and Mary Ann, b. Jan. 24.

Bashan, Joseph Edward, son of Wm. and Elizabeth, b. Jan. 30.

Warner, Nelson, son of Eliza Warner, b. Aug. 16.

French, Hattie Elizabeth, dau. of David M. and Sarah E., b. Dec. 28.

Laittch, Charlie, son of Charlie and Theresa, b. Dec. 4.

Pierce, dau. of Elijah S. and Elizabeth S., June 11.

Junius, Elizabeth, dau. of Edward and Elizabeth, b. June 11.

Baehr, Oswald Charlie, son of Oswald and Julia, b. Dec. 16.

Keechwitz, Emeline, dau. of Henry and Phippina, b. June 7.

Hackert, Julia, dau. of Julius and Louisa, b. Dec. 1.

Craw, Willis Eugene, son of James H. and Martha L., b. March 11.

Hard, Ida Elizabeth, dau. of Charles F. and Polly E., b. June 14.

Abbott, son of Smith and Julia B., b. March —

Beecher, Frank Arthur, son of Frances A., b. June 3.

Hubbell, Josie Morton, son of Joseph O. and Ann, b. Jan. —

Shaffer, Catharine Ann, dau. of Lewis and Alice, b. March 5.

Allen, Frank, son of Julia, b. July 8.

Andrews, Noyes, son of Azariah and Sarah A., b. April 7.

Northrop, , son of Allen and Jane, b. Dec. 4.

1858.

Wooding, Lilla, dau. of John and Jennet, b. Jan. 3.

Doolittle, , son of Elizur B. and Helen A., b. Feb. 26.

Peck, Jane, dau. of Titus D. and Louisa E., b. Sept. 18.

Goodyer, Cynthia, dau. of George and Cynthia, b. April 25.

Foot, Sherman D., son of Samuel E. and Clara J., b. May 3.

Dodd, , dau. of George, b. Aug. —

Downs, , son of Elbert and Catharine A., b. Nov. —

Bronson, George, son of Allen C. and Abigail, b. July 17.

Beard, William, son of Jarvis F. and Lovicy P., b. Sept. 26.

Todd, Ada Mariah, dau. of Street B. and Sarah A., b. Aug. 4.

French, Gertrude, dau. of John C. and Marietta, b. March 23.

Collins, , dau. of Jeremiah and Nora, b. June —

Shulz, Augusta, dau. of Charles and Mary, b. April 24.

Bridge, Benjamin Herbert, son of Joseph M. and Adelaide, b. Sep. 20

Schlisenza, Anna, dau. of Augusta D. and Jerusha, b. Feb. 2.

Cunningham, Thomas, son of Thomas and Margaret, b. Jan. 16.

- Odholm, Emma, J., dau. of Gustavus and Jane E., b. Jan. 23.
 Luther, , dau. of James H. and Mary, b. Jan. 18.
 Dibble, , dau. of Jacob and Teresa, b. Oct. 30.
 Huffman, , dau. of Frederick and Rosey, b. Dec. 10.
 Coe, , son of John and Mary, b. Jan. 27.
 Hard, Lydia Ann, dau. of Charles F. and Polly E., b. Jan. 24.
 Sackett, , Emma M., dau. of Wm. W. and Minerva, b. Feb. 12.
 Andrews, Mary E., dau. of Azariah and Sarah, b. Jan. 21.
 Northrop, Hattie B., dau. of Charles and Adaline, b. April 17.
 Pielmoo, , son of Frederick and Rosanna, b. Oct. 17.
 Northrop, , dau. of Allen and Jane, b. May 26.
 Wood, , dau. of John W. and Delia, b. Aug. 21.
 McClure, , son of Wm. and Hannah, b. June 30.
 Johnson, , son of Garry B. and Huldah, b. Dec. 8.
 McClure, , son of Catherine, b. Feb. —
 Daley, , dau. of Thomas and Bridget, b. Sept. 21.

DEATHS.

1852.

- White, John, b. Derby, d. Oct. , a. 72.
 Perkins, David, farmer, d. Nov. 17, a. 80.
 Atwater, Polly, b. Bethany, d. Dec. 31, a. 20.

1853.

- Beecher, Jane, b. Bethany, d. Feb. 11, a. 13.
 Wooding, Uri, b. Bethany, d. Feb. 16, a. 58.
 Sanford, Cyrus, b. Bethany, d. Feb. 28, a. 84.
 Castle, Jehial, b. Roxbury, physician, d. April 18, a. 82.
 Russell, Stiles A., b. Bethany, wagonmaker, d. May 3, a. 42.
 Wooding, Anna, b. Woodbridge, d. May 17, a. 77.
 Sandford, Nancy, b. Watertown, d. July 5, a. 76.
 Sperry, Samuel, b. Woodbridge, d. July 19, a. 74, (pauper).
 Sanford, Moses, b. Bethany, d. Aug. 19, a. 83.
 French, Harriet, b. Derby, d. Aug. 26, a. 62.
 Tolles, Nehemiah, b. Bethany, d. Sept. 15, a. 43.
 Sperry, Celia, b. Bethany, d. Oct. 17, a. 21.
 Wooding, Silas, shoemaker, b. Bethany, d. Oct. 29, a. 50.
 Schaffer, Lewis, , d. Nov. 30, a. 2.
 Twitchell, Bennett, clothier, b. Oxford, d. Nov. 4, a. 48.

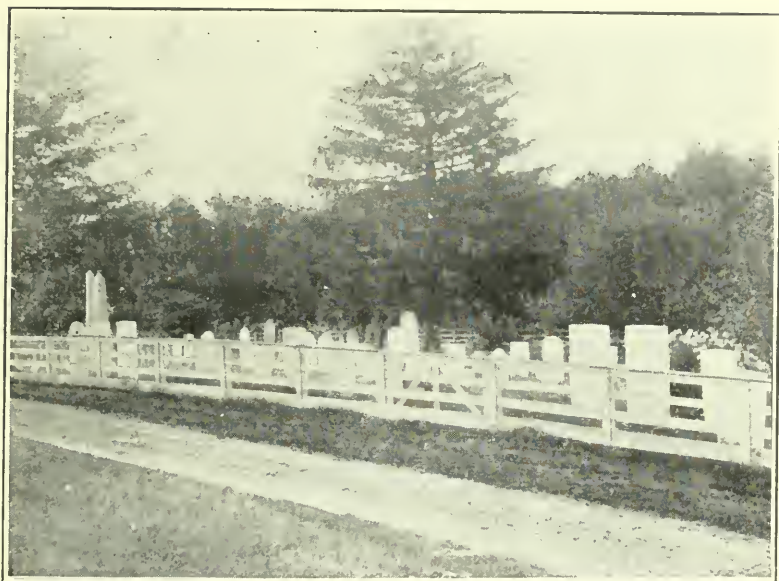
1854.

- Peck, Polly, b. , d. Feb. 21, a. 72.



THE CARRINGTON CEMETERY.

Carrington, Nehemiah, merchant, b. Bethany, d. March 26, a. 72.
 Sanford, Lois, b. Hamden, d. April 11, a. 82.
 Wheeler, Rhoda, b. , d. May 6, a. 72.
 Beecher, Lysias, b. Bethany, d. May 7, a. 76.
 Pierpont, Grace, b. Bethany, d. July 25, a. 20.
 Rosha, Elexis, joiner, b. Bethany, d. July 31, a. 55.
 Brown, Emerett, b. Naugatuck, d. Aug. 6, a. 26.
 Hotchkiss, Jared, b. Bethany, d. Aug. 24, a. 50.
 Beecher, Lucy, b. Bethany, d. Aug. 26, a. 71.
 Hitchcock, Abigail, b. Bethany, d. Sept. 9, a. 99.
 Lines, Tempa, b. Woodbridge, d. Aug. 31, a. 67.
 Driver, James, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 14, a. 76.
 Sackett, Polly, b. Bethany, d. Sept. 11, a. 80.
 Lines, Arma, b. , d. Oct. 10, a. 96.
 Hubbell, Josephine L., b. Bethany, d. Oct. 25, a. 1y., 2m., 19d.
 Hubbell, Emma A., b. Bethany, d. Oct. 29, a. 3.
 Andrews, Nehemiah, b. Bethany, d. Dec. 19, a. 3y. 10 months.
 Northrop, Allen, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 17, a. 9 months, 20d.



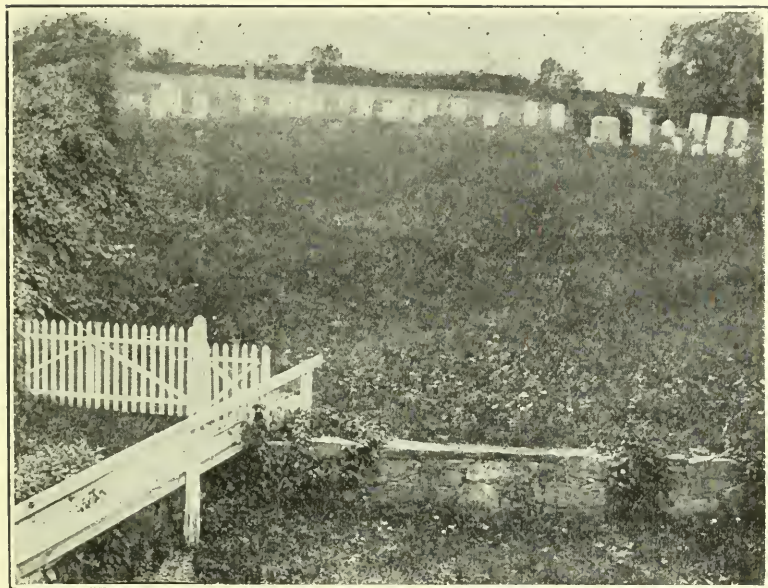
THE CARRINGTON CEMETERY, LOOKING EAST.

Mix, infant son of Parry M., b. Bethany, d. Feb. 3, a. 3 days.
 Richards, infant dau. of Sylvester, b. Bethany, d. April 23, a. —
 Allen, Freddie, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 15, a. 7 months.

1855.

Scoville, Jane, b. Prospect, d. Feb. 26, a. 22.
 Hotchkiss, Rhoda, b. Bethany, d. March 26, a. 55.
 Perkins, Julia Ella, b. Bethany, d. April 15, a. 7.
 Downs, Zephaniah, b. Bethany, d. April 17, a. 72.
 Beecher, Herbert, b. Bethany, d. April 22, a. 6.
 Perkins, Frances May, b. Bethany, d. May 1, a. 3.
 Hotchkiss, Jane Ella, b. Bethany, d. May 22, a. 4.
 Collyer, Henry, b. , d. July 5, a. —
 Peck, Titus, b. Bethany, d. July 27, a. 69.
 Perkins, Howard F., b. Bethany, d. Aug. 24, a. 1 year, 4 mo. 1d.
 Carrington, Henry A., b. Bethany, d. Sept. 8, a. 47.
 Tuttle, Seymour, blacksmith, b. Bethany, d. Sept. 23, a. 71.
 Sperry, Chillson, b. , d. Nov. 19, a. 79.
 Beecher, Dennis, teacher, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 22, a. 31.

- Hitchcock, Mary, b. , d. Nov. 22, a. 73.
 Lines, Thirza, b. Bethany, d. Dec. 6, a. 66.
 Hotchkiss, Harvey, b. Woodbridge, d. Dec. 9, a. 74.
 Beecher, Hoel, b. Bethany, d. Dec. 22, a. 45.
 Hotchkiss, Larchens, b. Bethany, d. , a. 78.
 Coe, George Albert, b. Bethany, d. Oct. 14, a. 1y. and 2 months.
 1856.
 Lounsbury, Timothy, b. Bethany, d. Jan. 6, a. 86.
 Russell, Polly, b. Prospect, d. Jan. 9, a. 57.
 French, Miles, b. Bethany, d. Feb. 1, a. 50.
 Smith, Frank, b. , d. April 3, a. 5 months.
 Hoadley, Luman, b. Bethany, d. June 4, a. 59.
 Clark, Experience, b. Woodbridge, d. Aug. 16, a. 80.
 Sandford, Laura L., b. Bethany, d. Oct. 26, a. 14 y, 8mo.
 Hotchkiss, Spencer, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 7, a. 52.
 Sperry, Sally, b. Bethany, d. Dec. 2, a. 68.
 Watkins, , b. , d. Sept. 5, a. 27.
 Conoly, William M., b. Bethany, d. Aug. 17, a. 27 y, 2 mo. 19 d.
 , female, domestic, Oct. 13, (no age given).
 Otsego, Emily A., b. Germany, d. Sept. 5, a. 27.
 Otsego, , infant of , stillborn.
 Haskert, Charlie, b. Oxford, d. Sept. 19, a. 8 months, 19 days.
 Russell, Hattie M., b. Bethany, d. Oct. 13, a. 1 year, 6mo., 19d.
 1857.
 Bailey, Sheldon, b. Chatham, d. Feb. 9, a. 48.
 Bailey, Harriet, b. Hamden, d. Feb. 22, a. 12.
 Deming, Lucy, b. , d. March 7, a. 51.
 Leavenworth, Polly S., b. Huntington, d. April 30, a. 63.
 Sperry, Ella Jane, b. Bethany, d. June 15, a. 70.
 Sperry, Marcus, b. Bethany, d. July 12, a. 45.
 Perkins, Ira, b. Hamden, d. May 15, a. 68.
 Davis, Robert, b. , d. Aug. 2, a. 48.
 Beecher, Sarah A., b. Bethany, d. Aug. 14, a. 33 y., 3 mo.
 Conoly, Eliza, b. Naugatuck, d. Oct. 4, a. 30.
 Judd, Dorcas, b. Naugatuck, d. Oct. 4, a. 93.
 Sanford, Betsey, b. Prospect, d. Sept. 28, a. 63.
 Todd, Bede, b. North Haven, d. Nov. Nov. 5, a. 78.
 Peck, Fanny, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 7, a. 76.
 Candy, Perus, shoemaker, b. Waterbury, d. Dec. 19, a. 76.



CEMETERY NEAR CENTER SCHOOL.

Allen, Fanny, b. Woodbridge, d. Jan. 25, a. 63.
 Bradley, David H., tinner, b. Middlebury, d. July 4, a. 24.
 , infant son of , b. Bethany, d. Mar. 4, a. 1 d.
 Bridge, Almira A., b. , d. Aug. 26, a. 28.
 Driver, Mary E., b. New Haven, d. Aug. 31, a. 1 year, 3 months.
 Northrop, Finett, b. Bethany, d. May 12, a. 7.

1858.

Sackett, William, b. Bethany, d. Feb. 4, a. 83.
 Hitchcock, Allen C., b. Bethany, d. Feb. 19, a. 42.
 Clark, Mrs. Emma, b. Middlebury, d. March 4, a. 33.
 Hitchcock, Ebenezer, b. Bethany, d. March 4, a. 70.
 Kingsley, Sarah, b. Cheshire, d. April 3, a. 83.
 Barber, John C., laborer, b. England, d. May 4, a. 57.
 Lounsbury, Mrs. Laura, b. Middlesbury, d. May 4, a. 64.
 Hotchkiss, Philo, b. Bethany, d. July 16, a. 81.
 UMBERFIELD, Sally, b. Bethany, d. July 22, a. 67.
 Sackett, Stern, b. Bethany, d. Sept. 5, a. 18.
 Bagdin, Ester, b. Bethany, d. Oct. 4, a. 87.

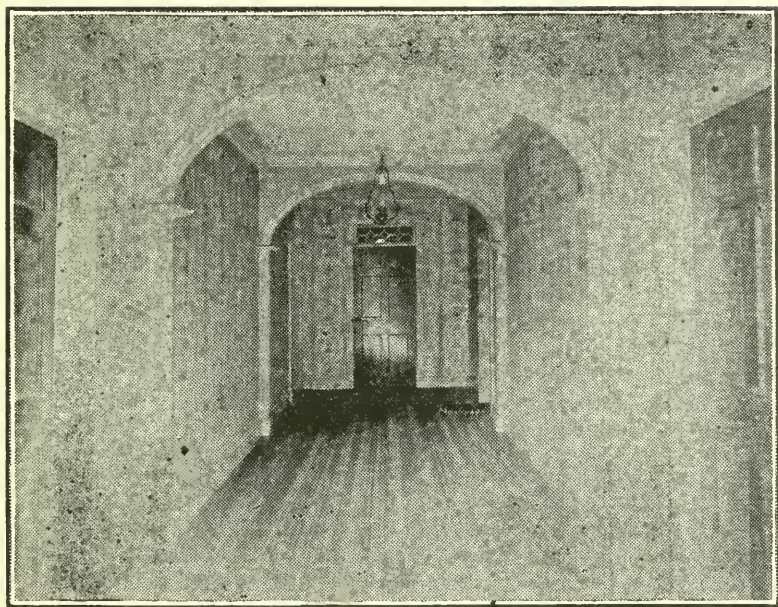
Aspinwall, George C., b. Bethany, d. Oct. 6, a. 1 year, 11 mo. 15d.
 Pierce, Emma, b. Bethany, d. Oct. 9, a. 1 year, 3 months, 29 days.
 Bradley, Electa, b. Bethany, d. March 20, a. 79.
 Beard, William, b. Bethany, d. Nov. 17, a. 79 years, 4 months.
 Truesdale, Lorenzo, b. Seymour, r, Seymour, d. April 7, (accident).

1859.

Hotchkiss, Elizabeth, widow, b. , d. Jan. 6, a. 97.
 Perkins, Mrs. Harriet C., b. , d. Jan. 28, a. 28.
 Smith, Eliakim, b. Bethany, d. March 9, a. 74.
 Bradley, Joseph, b. Woodbridge, d. May 27, a. 77.
 Lounsbury, Mary, widow, b. Bethany, d. Jan. 5, a. 88.
 Tuttle, Jeremiah, bookkeeper, b. Bethany, d. Sept. 29, a. 44.
 Downs, Calvin, blacksmith, b. New Haven, d. Nov. 17, a. 22.
 Treat, Wallace L., b. New Haven, d. Sept. 10, a. 6 y, 24 d.
 Nettleton, Lydia, b. Middlebury, d. April 19, a. 63.
 Wilcox, Sarah, b. Bethany, d. Dec. 30, a. 69.

1860.

Griffin, Harmon, storekeeper, b. Lime, d. Feb. 20, a. 59.
 Peck, George F., b. Bethany, d. March 25, a. 78.
 Hotchkiss, Harley, b. Bethany, d. March 26, a. —
 Lounsbury, Abraham, b. Bethany, d. April 27, a. 61.
 French, Harry, b. Bethany, d. May 17, a. 78.
 Russell, Grace, b. Bethany, d. June 28, a. 7.
 Judd, Leonard, b. Bethany, d. July , a. —
 Munson, Lewis T., b. Huntington, d. Aug. 2, a. 37.
 Deming, Delia, b. Hamden, d. Sept. 6, a. 19.
 Beecher, Martha, b. Derby, d. Nov. 18, a. 24.
 Clement, John, laborer, b. England, d. Dec. 14, a. 51.
 Hering, James, shoemaker, b. Albany, d. April , a. 25.
 Earling, Charles, b. Bethany, d. May 9, a. 2.
 Luther, Almira, b. Bethany, d. March , a. 7 weeks.
 Fitzgerald, Bridget, b. York state, d. March 29, a. 2.
 Hard, Joseph N., b. New Haven, d. Sept. 11, a. 75.
 Joy, John, b. Bethany, d. May 1, a. 1.



A COLONIAL HALL IN THE WHEELER HOMESTEAD.

THE BEECHER—WHEELER HOMESTEAD.

Among the fine old mansions, large and roomy, with broad halls, well built and tastefully decorated in the style of the olden times, which dot the hills and in the valleys of Connecticut far from the hum of city life, is the Wheeler homestead, a few hundred feet north of the center, facing on the main road, looking southward toward where in the misty distance lies the city of New Haven, Long Island Sound and Long Island beyond.

Just south of the house, and at right angles to the main road, a road leads eastward, toward Mount Carmel, and in the other direction, past the residence of Deacon Horsfall, a road leads westerly to a parallel road on which may be seen the homes of Nathan Mansfield and B. M. Wellman, and what was recently the residence of Esquire Samuel R. Woodward, now occupied by his son, S. P. Woodward.

But to return to the Wheeler mansion. This house attracts the attention of the passerby by reason of the material and workmanship and the taste which speak well for the intellect and pocketbook of its long ago builder. The underpinning is of fine cut sandstone, seldom to be found under houses built at the time. Three large chimneys which project above the roof and together with the size of the structure tend to give it an air of superiority, with the many old fashioned windows which dot its sides.

Looking closer one observes that the cornice, though not prominent nor imposing, but narrow and oldfashioned, shows taste and fine workmanship. The portico is similarly ornamented, and should one chance to pass by when the front door is open on a summer afternoon, he would undoubtedly be surprised to see a large hall extending from the front of the main house, with handsome arches overhead. The engraving above gives a fine view of the hall and bears out the assertion that this was worthy to be called an elegant residence.

In view of the growing interest in historic residences further particulars of this remarkable house may not be amiss. There are two front parlors, one on each side of the broad hall, each about fifteen feet square, with two fancy arched alcoves at the back, and a large fireplace and a handsome mantel between them.

From floor to ceiling throughout the lower part of the house is a distance of over nine feet, and in several rooms the wall near the ceiling is ornamented by a handsome frieze. There are at least eight large, light, airy rooms besides the main lower hall, the upper hall, and a dance hall some seventeen feet wide by thirtysix feet long. There are no less than ten large fireplaces, furnaces and steam heaters not being in vogue when this house was built. The dance hall has been used for holding church festivals, and for a time the regular town meetings. The older people told of the socials and dances that they used to attend under its hospitable roof.

What might be termed a curiosity is situated in the garret, and consists of a commodious brick smokehouse used for smoking hams or beef. It is arranged to be connected by pipe with the kitchen stove and the chimney, thus enabling the accomplishment of curing the pork and beef for the larder without an extra fire, or the expenditure of unnecessary labor, an example of the idea expressed in the old adage, "Killing two birds with one stone."

We are told that the house was built by Darius Beecher, who was then quite wealthy, had two daughters and one son, went west with his family and lost his fortune. The place was afterward occupied by Abram Beecher, who was, however, not related to the builder. Later it was owned by Lewis Thomas, who occupied it with his family.

It finally passed into the possession of Orrin Wheeler, who occupied it with his family till his death in 1874. His widow, son and unmarried daughters continued to occupy it until the death of Mrs. Wheeler in 1898, and the death of the son in 1899. The Misses Mary and Christina Wheeler still cling to the associations which make the "Old Homestead" dear to them, and remain under the roof which has withstood the storms of the nineteenth century, and enters upon the twentieth still protecting a framework of massive oak, but little the worse for time and wear.

A LEAF FROM THE OLD RECORDS.

At a Lawfull Society meeting of the inhabitants of bethany held by adjournment on the first wensday of desember: 1765: it was then 1: voted that Timothy Ball Hezekiah Clark Jesse Bradley Deacon John White be the Commitey for this Society the year insewing.

2: voted that a rate be laid at five pene on the pound to be paid on the twelf day of September next.

3: voted that Neahemiah Toles Shall be the Colector of the above raight.

4: voted that Valentine Willmott, Benaj. r Peck and Stephen Sanford Shall time the psalm.

5: voted that Caleb Tuttle Shall dig graves.

6: voted that this meeting be adjurned to the first wensday of desember next at four of the Clock in the afternoon at the Schoolhouse in bethany.

At a Speshall Society meeting of the inhabitants of bethany held on the 11th day of november :1766: the inhabitants being Lawfully warned it was then

1: voted that Deacon Joel Hotchkiss Shall be moderator of the meeting.

3: voted that we will apply to the honourabell County Court now Siting in new haven for a com^{tt}. to cum to bethany to vew our Situation and Start a place for a meeting hous.

4: voted that Deacon Joel Hotchkiss mr Daniel Toles mr Timothy Peck and mr Hezekiah Clark Shall be a commt to make applycation to the honourable County Court for the purpose afoursaid.

5: voted that this meeting be adjourned without day.

At a Lawfull Society meeting of the the inhabitants of bethany held by adjurnment on the first wensday of desember :1766: it was 1: voted that Isaac Beecher Deacon John White Timothy Ball Hezekiah Clark and Jesse Bradley Shali be a Comtt for this Society the year insewing.

2: voted that a raight be Laid at two pene one farthing on the pound to be paid on the twelf day of September next.

3: voted that Thomas Johnson Shall be the Colector of the above raight.

4: voted that this meeting be adjurned to the first wensday of desember next at four of the Clock in the afternoon at the Schoolhous in bethany.

At a Speshall Society meeting of the inhabitants of bethany held on the :15th: day of January :1767: at the Schoolhous in Sd. bethany the inhabitants being Lawfully warned it was

1: voted that Deacon Joel Hotchkiss Shall be moderator of this meeting.

2: voted that this Society will go the honourabell County Court now Siting in new haven to Establish the plais appointed by their Comtt. for a meeting hous in Sd. bethany.

3: voted that mr. Josiah Lounsbury mr. Timothy Peck mr. Daniel Toles mr. Ebenezer Bishop mr. John Perkins and mr. Samuel Bisko Shall sit on the elders seat.

4: voted that this meeting be adjurned without day.

At a Lawfull Society meeting of the inhabitants of bethany held by adjurnment on the first wensday of Desember :1767: it was

1: voted that Isaac Beecher Timothy Ball John Lines Hezekiah Clark and Jesse Bradly Shall be a Comtt. for this Society the year insewing.

2: voted that a raight be Laid at three pene on the pound to be paid at the tenth day of September next.

3: voted that Eliphalet Johnson Shall be the Colector of the above raight.

4: voted that this meeting be adjurned to next wensday at two of the Clock in the afternoon at the schoolhous in bethany.

At a Lawfull Society meeting of the inhabitants of bethany held by adjurnment on the Second wensday of December :1767: it was

1: voted that it is nesary for us to build a meeting house.

2: voted that we will build a meeting hous fifty foot long and forty foot wide.

3: voted that we will provide the boards Claboards Shingals nail and glas nesery for building a meeting hous the year insewing.

4: voted that Deacon Hotchkiss Timothy Peck Daniel Toles Isaac Beecher Hezekiah Toles Daniel Beecher Timothy

Ball Deacon White Samuall Brisco and Israel Thomas Shall be a Comtt. to provide the above Said articals for building a meeting hous.

5: voted that a raight be Laid for building a meeting hous at four pene on the pound to be paid at the first day of october next.

6: voted that half the above raight Shall be paid in flax seed or Sum other that will answer at newyork.

7: voted that Benajah Peck Shall be the Colector of the above raight.

8: voted that Short Shingals Shall be thurteen Shillings a thousand and Claboards five Shillings and Six pene pr hundred and bords three Shillings and Six pence all delivered at the plais prefixed for a meeting hous.

9: voted that Isaac Beecher Daniel Toles and Deacon Hotchkiss Shall be a Comtt. to go unto the proprietors meeting to the broad street to help to purchis a plais for a meeting house in this Society.

10: voted that this meeting be adjurned unto the first wensday of Janu ary next at five a Clock in the afternoon at the Schoolhous in bethany.

THE SCHOOLS OF BETHANY,

BY WALLACE D. HUMISTON.

In the geographies in common use fifty years ago it was said that Connecticut was famous for her excellent common schools. That our Puritan ancestors recognized the value of education is indicated by the early acts which were passed for the establishment of schools. The "Code of 1650" required that "in order that learning may not be buried in the graves of our forefathers" that every town having fifty householders should maintain a school.

Soon after the settlement of New Haven, in 1638, a school was established which was taught by the noted Master Cheever. He was a worthy, well educated man. Many years elapsed after the time of his school before settlers had located in the upper valley of the West River in sufficient numbers to warrant the establishment of a school. Amity Parish, which included the present towns of Woodbridge and Bethany, was incorporated in 1737, and it is probable that there was a school in the parish previous to that date.

The first schoolhouse in Bethany was built in 1750, at the crossroads a few rods north of the residence of Judge E. N. Clark. It was cared for by the Parish of Amity until 1762, when it passed under the control of the Bethany Ecclesiastical Society. The names of the teachers in this primitive school are not now available, but we may rest assured that they were worthy schoolmasters and and schoolmistresses. In those times the schoolmaster was regarded with profound respect, and when he walked through the village, his head bowed in meditation upon some grave question or in solving a difficult problem, the boys in passing him doffed their caps respectfully. He was one of the few to receive the title of Mr., and he stood next to the minister in the minds of the people.

When the Bethany Parish was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly in 1762 the schoolhouse immediately became the center of ecclesiastical, educational and civil life. Here the sturdy children of the community came to solve hard "sums" and to con the lessons in the "New England Primer," which contained the Westminster catechism and an alphabet beginning with

"In Adam's fall
We sinned all."

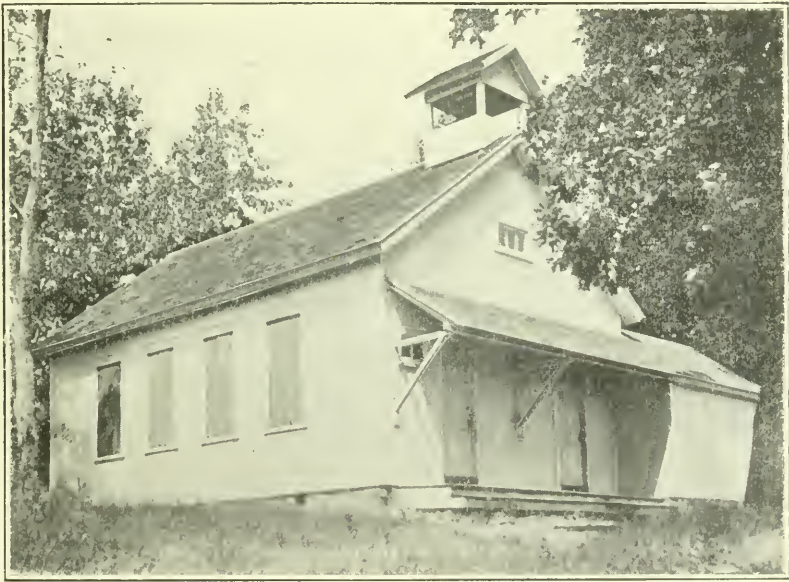
and ending with

"Zacheus he
Did climb the tree
Our Lord to see."

Here on the Sabbath our ancestors met for public worship. Here they convened on the first Wednesday of each December, and on other "speshall" days, to discuss the civil questions of the parish.

At a meeting of this kind held in December, 1763, it was voted that "Timothy Peck, John White and Jesse Bradley be a commitey to take care of the school money of this society." Again Oct. 22, 1764, it was "Voted that the school money for this society shall be

divided into three equal parts and to be laid out for Schooling in the most proper plaisses in this Society, it being left with the Com-mitty to say where it shall be laid out." It seems evident that the three schools were organized in the South, North and East Districts, which correspond to the Centre, Gate and Downs Districts of the present day. As there were no schoolhouses in the last two districts, the schools were taught in private dwellings. During the year following the school money was expended in maintaining the above schools.



THE DOWNS STREET SCHOOLHOUSE.

In December, 1770, Daniel Beecher, Jesse Bradley, and Ezra Sperry were elected "to be a Com^{ty} for this Society to take care of the bank and School money the year in sewing." It was "voted that the above Com^{ty} shall divide the School money into Districts according to their discretion."

A schoolhouse was erected in the North District in 1781, at the junction of the Cheshire Road with the Straits Turnpike. One of the teachers was Isaac Judd, brother of Chauncey who was kidnapped during the Dayton Raid. This schoolhouse saw many years of service and was not replaced until 1880.

A schoolhouse was built in the East or Downs District before 1800. It stood nearly opposite the present edifice and was occupied for more than a hundred years. It was demolished in 1900. Even the young people can remember this old, unpainted schoolhouse by the roadside.

From the records we learn that the Beecher District, then called the Southeast, was established in 1789. A schoolhouse was soon built for the use of the district. It was the first one of the three which have stood on the site of the present Beecher schoolhouse.

The North-east or Smith district was established during the latter part of the eighteenth century. The first schoolhouse was under the large chestnut near Mr. J. B. Todd's. A corner stone of the foundation can still be pointed out. The furniture consisted of slab benches placed before a shelf which extended around three sides of the room. A fireplace was in one end. For several years previous to the erection of Christ Church (1809) the services of the Episcopalians were held in this schoolhouse. Among the teachers in this old-time school was Julia Bradley, who afterwards became Mrs. Leonard Todd. A Miss Sylvia Tuttle was also a teacher there. The latter's sister, Miss Jennette Tuttle, taught later in this and other districts of the town. She is now Bethany's oldest living teacher.

More than a century ago a schoolhouse was standing on "Meeting House Hill," near Bethany Green. It was in the Middle District. The building was two stories in height, the upper part being the Masonic Hall. It was near the meeting house, and was heated each Sunday, in order that the congregation might repair hither between the services.

In 1802 the South, West, and Middle Districts were consolidated into the Union District, which was eventually called the Center. When a new schoolhouse was built the old one was bought by Hezekiah Thomas. It was drawn across the valley to a site near the churches and served as a hall to a hotel built by Mr. Thomas. The hall was demolished about twentyfive years ago by the owner, Mr. Perry.

By virtue of her charter Connecticut claimed lands to the "South Sea," or Pacific Ocean. These claims were ceded to the Federal Government with the exception of a tract called the Western Reserve. This was sold in 1795 and the proceeds were set

apart for a school fund which now amounts to more than two million dollars. From this fund an appropriation was granted to Bethany which gave a fresh impetus to school affairs. The school records, which had hitherto been mingled with the ecclesiastical records, were now written in a separate book. The first meeting of the School Society under the new conditions is thus recorded:—

“Oct. 31, 1796. A Lawful School Society meeting of the located Society of Bethany, holden at the meeting house in said Bethany, in the town of Woodbridge, for the purpose of forming a Society to take care of an appropriation the Interest of Monies arising from the Sale of Western Lands belonging to the State of Connecticut.”



THE SMITH STREET SCHOOLHOUSE.

The parish districts had increased from three in 1764 to eight in 1797. The names of the districts and the committees in 1797 were:—

South (Center), Silas Hotchkiss.

West (Center) Eber Lines.

Middle (Center), Medad Hotchkiss.

(Northeast (Smith), Renben Perkins.

North (Gate), Robert Russel.

Southeast (Beecher), Joel Hotchkiss.

East (Downs), Eber Downs.

Southwest (annexed to Woodbridge 1806), William Andrews.

A school meeting was convened Dec. 27, 1811, in the Southeast District (Beecher), and it was "Voted that we build a schoolhouse on or about the same ground where the old house now stands, and lease it to the Est. Voted that Dennis Sperry, Chauncey Toles, Hezekiah Beecher, Isaac Sperry, Jr., be a committee to superintend in building said house. Voted that we cover said house with good pine shingles and clapboards, clean stuff to the acceptance of the Committee. Voted that we sell the old schoolhouse at value due to be taken from this ground before the first of October next."

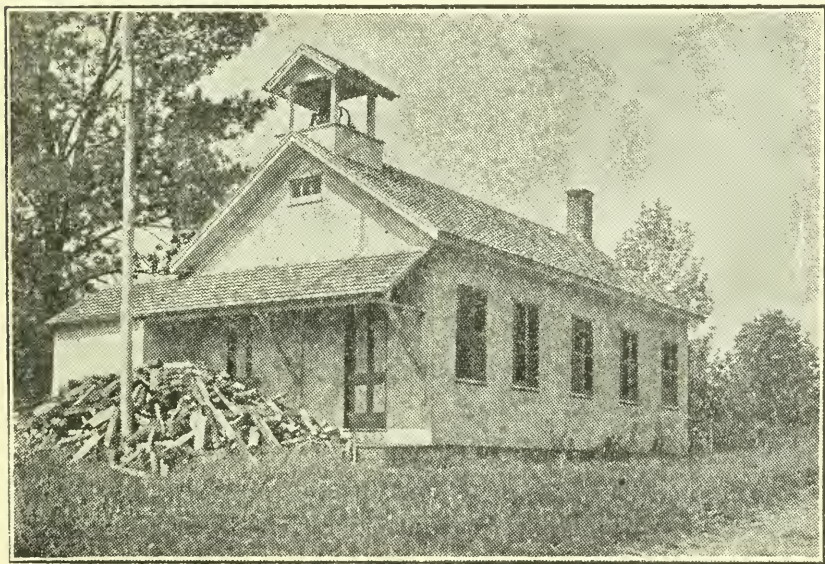
The vote regarding the material was rescinded at the next meeting, but the schoolhouse was built during 1812. January 19, 1813, it was "voted that we give the money to Mr. William Johnson that the book (tax levy) and old schoolhouse raised over and above what the committee gave for building the new schoolhouse."

Other interesting records concerning this schoolhouse follow: "April 9, 1819,—Voted that the community procure a teacher for the ensuing summer, to begin on the first Tuesday in May and continue five months or longer if wanted. October 27, 1820,—Voted the committee pay eight dollars per month for the ensuing winter. November 4, 1822,—Voted to have the school commence the first Monday in December and continue to the first of March. November 19, 1827,—Voted Obadiah Lounsbury's shop be appointed for a place to set up notices for school meetings in addition to the schoolhouse for the year ensuing. April 9, 1832,—Voted that the committee employ Mrs. Eliza Lines if possible at a rate not to exceed a dollar pr. week. Voted that religious denominations be permitted to hold meetings at this house not to interfere with the school. March 21, 1833,—Voted that we tax ourselves to defray the expense of painting the schoolhouse and making all necessary repairs and to purchase the stove for the use of the school. March 31, 1837,—Resolved that the committee employ Mary Stevens to teach the summer school if she can be obtained for one dollar a week."

The old red school-house in the North or Gate District has been mentioned above. It was probably occupied for a century.

At a meeting convened in this place February 28, 1831, it was "voted that Julia Sperry teach the summer school."

The school year was then divided into two terms. The winter school began in December and continued three months. This term was invariably taught by a male teacher. A summer school was "set up" about the first of May and was in session four or five months. The wages for this term were usually one dollar per week. The teacher of the winter term received somewhat higher wages. It was the custom for the teacher "to board round the district," staying a week or two with each family.



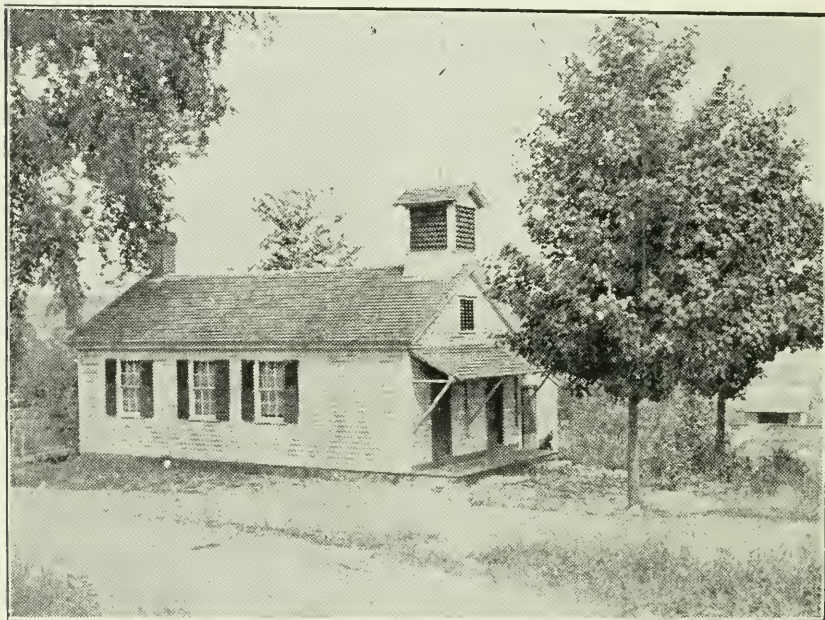
THE BEECHER SCHOOLHOUSE.

The following are a few interesting items culled from the records of the Gate District:

March 29, 1831,—“Paid E. J. Thompson, teacher of the North School, Bethany, the last season, the sum of \$25.33.”
April 2, 1835,—“Voted that Mr. Russel Chatfield repair the fireplace and chimney sufficiently for the present and bring in his bill to the committee for the same.”
November 16, 1835,—“Voted that the committee procure a stove for the use of the school.”
March 20, 1843,—“Voted the teacher of the winter term, Mr. D.

Brooks, shall pay for the key he lost, if not deduct from his bill." A district tax was levied in 1839 and the schoolhouse was thoroughly repaired. Enos Perkins, Levi M. Marks, Harvey Hotchkiss and A. A. Perkins were the committee for this work.

In 1832 a second school-house was built in the Northeast District on the site of the present building. Plans were discussed in regard to the erection of this structure as early as 1826. The present structure was built in 1876.



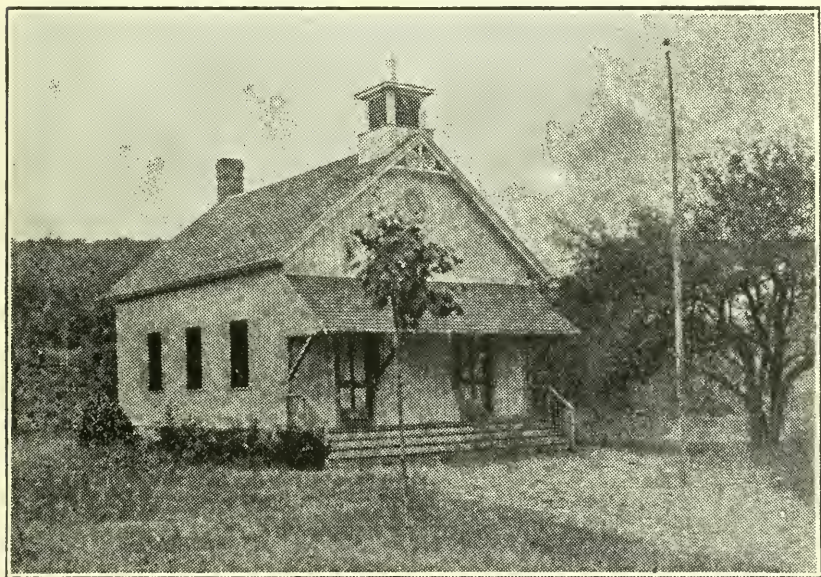
THE CENTER SCHOOLHOUSE.

The Center schoolhouse was built about 1834 and is the oldest one in the town. It is situated near the roadside a short distance south of the churches. It has been thoroughly repaired several times and is now in good condition. A few years ago a porch and cupola, for a large bell, were added. Hezekiah Thomas was one of the first teachers in this schoolhouse. Miss Jane French, afterward Mrs. Peck, also taught here.

The Southeast District is now known as the Beecher District, deriving its name from the many families of that name who have

lived in the district. The schoolhouse now standing there was built in 1870, and is the third erected on that site. It was enlarged in 1899. A porch and large bell were also added. The schoolhouse is located in the highway a few rods south of the "four-corners" at the residence of Mrs. Allen.

The Smith District provided for the erection of a schoolhouse in 1876, on the site of the former one. D. B. Hoadley was the builder. It was ready for occupancy early in 1877. Mrs. Justine C. Coe was the first teacher in the new schoolhouse. It is very pleasantly located on a hillside which slopes to West River. There are abundant shade trees near the edifice.



THE GATE SCHOOLHOUSE.

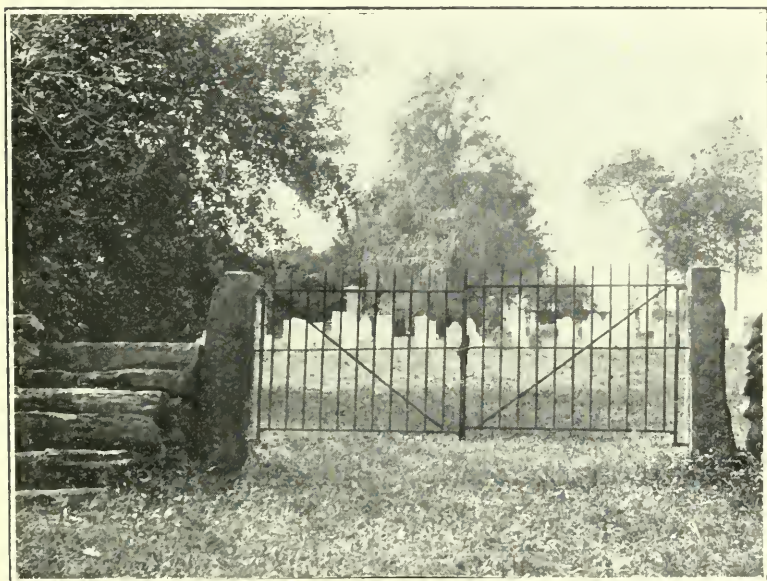
The Straits Turnpike was built a century ago, and a tollgate was maintained near the Major Lounsbury house, now the residence of Cleveland Doolittle. The locality was designated as the "Gate." The tollgate disappeared long ago, but the name clung to the hamlet, and finally, about 1880, it was applied to the school district. The schoolhouse in this district having fallen into a condition unfit for school purposes, the school board threatened to withhold the

appropriation for its maintenance, and after considerable deliberation it was decided to build a new schoolhouse. Wales H. French, Allen Lounsbury and Arthur Lacey were elected a building committee. A knoll a short distance south of the old schoolhouse, called "The Sandhill," was chosen for the site of the new building, and it was completed in 1880.

The most recently built schoolhouse is found in the Downs District. It was erected in 1897-8, with a thoroughness very creditable to its builders. The structure is located on elevated ground on Downs Street, nearly opposite the site of the old building. An extensive and pleasing view, reaching terough the "Gap" of West Rock Ridge, may be enjoyed from the schoolhouse door.

The district system of school management was abolished in 1901, and the local school affairs have since been controlled by a town school committee. Under tne new management the schools have been kept in good condition, and compare favorably with those in other towns.

" When care and time our memories blot,
When years our measure fill,
We'll think sometimes of the dear old spot,
The schoolhouse 'neath the hill."



OLD CEMETERY, NEAR THE RESIDENCE OF ALLEN G. SPERRY.

“There scattered, oft the earliest of the year,
By hands unseen are showers of violets found;
The redbreast loves to build and warble there,
And little footsteps lightly print the ground.”

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1883-4,	David Beecher.	1869-70,	Asa C. Woodward.
1835-6,	Andrew Beecher.	1871,	Buel Buckingham.
1836 7,	Harry French.	1872,	Miles Hitchcock.
1838,	Leverett Thomas.	1873-4.	Garry B. Johnson.
1839,	John Russell.	1875,	Allen Lounsbury.
1840,	Anthony F. Stoddard.	1876,	Samuel G. Davidson.
1841,	Job Andrew.	1877,	George W. Woodward.
1842,	Abel Prince.	1878,	Henry E. Lounsbury.
1843,	Burton Sperry.	1879,	Edward Beecher.
1844,	Guy Perkins.	1880,	Street B. Todd
1845,	Joseph N. Stoddard.	1881,	Denzel B. Hoadley.
1846,	Miles Hitchcock.	1882,	Samuel R. Woodward.
1847-8,	Miles French.	1883,	Charles C. Perkins.
1849 50,	Charles French.	1884,	Evelyn O. Pardee.
1851-2,	Edwin Pardee.	1885,	Dwight L. Johnson.
1853,	Miles Hitchcock.	1886,	David F. Smith.
1854 5,	Robert Clark.	1887,	Theron E. Allen.
1856,	Wales F. Perkins.	1889,	Andrew J. Doolittle.
1857,	Ezra S. Sperry.	1891-3,	Ransom Chatfield
1858,	Adna Hotchkiss.	1895,	Harry F. Peck.
1859-60,	Dwight N. Clark,	1897,	Dwight L. Humiston.
1861,	George Hotchkiss.	1899,	Arthur H. Doolittle.
1862,	Ezra S. Sperry.	1901,	George I. Babcock.
1863 4,	Andrew Beecher.	1903,	Noyes D. Clark.
1865-6,	W. B. Dickerman.	1905,	Jerome A. Downs.
1867-8,	Andrew T. Hotchkiss.	1907,	Noyes Andrew.

THE DOWNS FAMILY.

John Downs came from Cornwall, England, to New Haven before 1646. His children were:

John, b. Mar. 5, 1658-9.

Samuel, b. Oct. 28, 1662; d. Dec. 23, 1711, bu. in Cong'l cem., West Haven.

Mary, b. Jan. 28, 1664; m. Reuben Hinman.

Ebenezer, b. April 3, 1667; d. Mar. 20, 1711; bu. West Haven.

Deliverance, b. April 19, 1669.

Elizabeth, b. April 19, 1669.

Hannah, b. June 19, 1670.

John, b. Nov. 25, 1672.

Daniel, b. Aug. 29, 1674.

Nathaniel, b. Dec. 27, 1676.

Ruth, b. July 5, 1679.

SAMUEL, son of John Downs, m. July 1, 1692, Christian Pinion. Children :

Elizabeth, b. Aug. 28, 1693.

Samuel, b. July 23, 1696.

Thomas, b. June 7, 1699.

Nathaniel, b. July 17, 1702.

Abigail, b. Nov. 4, 1704.

EBENEZER, son of John Downs, m. Nov. 28, 1694, Mary Umphreville. Children :

Esther, b. Sept. 5, 1695.

Hope, b. March 11, 1696.

Ebenezer, b. June 9, 1700.

Mary, b. Jan. 22, 1701.

Seth, b. Aug. 16, 1704.

Ebenezer, b. March 28, 1707.

Mehitabel, b. Aug. 23, 1709.

SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Christian Downs, m. Oct. 29, 1717, Mary Blakeslee. Tradition is that he was one of the earliest settlers of Bethany, coming here about 1717, and settling on a large tract of land which comprised the entire valley at the base of Mad Mare's Hill. The road which led past his home is still called "Downs street." Children :

Mary, b. June 5, 1718

Jonathan, b. April 26, 1723.

Samuel, b. June 4, 1720.

Daniel, b. July 18, 1726.

THOMAS, son of Samuel and Christian Downs, m. (1) Dec. 20, 1722, Mehitabel Clark, who died Oct. 25, 1723, a. 22, and was buried in West Haven; (2) Dec. 16, 1725, Elizabeth Bristol. Children :

Mehitabel, b. Oct. 4, 1723.

Elizabeth, b. Aug. 31, 1726, d. soon.

Elizabeth, b. Nov. 17, 1727, d. Oct. 1729.

Abigail, b. May 1, 1730.

Thomas, b. Nov. 2, 1732, d. Sept. 5, 1751.

Benjamin, b. March 23, 1734-5.

Elizabeth, b. May 30, 1737, d. Oct. 19, 1751.

Sarah, b. May 7, 1739.

Thankful, b. June 2, 1742, d. Dec. 10, 1743.

Daniel, Feb. 13, 1746 7.

NATHANIEL, son of Samuel and Christiana Downs, m., —— had two children:

Nathaniel, b. Oct. 28, 1731, m. Sarah Ives, served in Rev. War.

Obedience, b. Sept. 21, 1733.

SETH, son of Ebenezer and Mary Downs, m. June 8, 1727, Mary Sperry.
Children:

Mary, b. May 6 1728.

Seth, b. March 13, 1730-1.

Joseph, b. Feb. 22, 1732-3.

Marcia, b. Sept. 16, 1737.

Ebenezer, b. Nov. 14, 1741, m. Sarah Sperry, Nov. 28, 1763

JONATHAN, son of Samuel and Mary Downs, m. —— Children:

Jonathan, b. April 11, 1745.

Sarah, b. March 11, 1747.

SAMUEL, son of Samuel and Mary Downs, m. Dec 10, 1746, Sarah Humphreyville. He inherited the paternal acres and lived in the house built by his father on Downs street, Bethany. This old dwelling was demolished in 1871, and at that time was probably the oldest house in the town. He was a respected citizen of the parish and was several times elected to various church offices. He died Feb. 7, 1801, and was buried in the "old cemetery." Children:

Sarah, b. Nov. 29, 1747.

Eber, b. Sept. 30, 1749; d. Feb. 17, 1810.

Samuel, b. April 1752; d. May 20, 1819.

Jarib, b. 1755; d. Feb. 26, 1802.

Felix, b. 1759; d. Feb. 3, 1843, aged 89 years.

Zeri, b. 1769; d. in Bethlehem May 3, 1840.

EBER, son of Samuel and Sarah Downs, m. Anna Hitchcock. Resided in Bethany. Children:

Isaac.

Polly, m. Beri, Beecher.

Calvin, m. —— Dorman.

Abner.

SAMUEL son of Samuel and Sarah Downs married Rachel —— who died May 6, 1819. They lived in Bethany. They had one child:

Meritt, b. 1780; d. June 13, 1805.

JARIB, son of Samuel and Sarah Downs, m. Candace Downs. Children:

Lyman, —— d. Oct. 14, 1851, aged 72.

Laban.

Lucena

Electa.

Alma, m. William Clark.

Zina.

FELIX, son of Samuel and Sarah Downs, married Phebe Downs, who died Feb. 9, 1844, aged 79. He was a prosperous farmer, and built a commodious house on Downs st., Bethany. Children:

Leveritt, d. in 1852.

Samuel Lewis, d. in Oxford August 28, 1874, aged 69.

Sidney, d. in Derby, Sept. 2, 1883, aged 81 years.

Harriet, m. Elias Lounsbury.

Nancy.

LYMAN, son of Jarib and Candace Downs, m. Amy, dau. of Job Sperry, a Revolutionary soldier. Lyman lived on the old homestead in Bethany. His wife was b. July 9, 1787, and d. Feb. 20, 1871. Children:

Polly, m. Orange Race, res. Plainville.

Charles, b. May 2, 1822; d. in Bethany Feb. 27, 1902.

Elbert, b. June 18, 1830, d. Oct. 22, 1900.

Rebecca, res. Bethany.

Juliana m. S. Lewis Downs.

LABAN, son of Jarib and Candace Downs, m. Harriet—— Children.

Mary Ann.

Ransom.

Mark.

George.

Willis.

John.

Henry.

LEVERITT, son of Felix and Phebe Downs, m. Anna Atwater. Moved to Oxford, Ct., in 1836, lived on the northly slope of Chestnut Tree Hill. Children:

Laura.

Robert, enlisted in Co. H, 15th C. V., Aug. 18th, 1832, for three years, and was honorably discharged June 27, 1865.

Mary Ann.

Clarissa.

Jeanie, res. Boston

SAMUEL LEWIS, son of Felix and Phebe Downs, m. Juliana Downs, dau. of Lyman Downs, who died July 16, 1882, aged 72. They lived on the Chestnut Tree Hill road, Oxford, north of the schoolhouse. Children:

Sarah, b. Feb. 6, 1839, m. William Bailey.

Mary.

Eldredge, lives in Oxford, on the Chestnut Tree Hill road.

Alonzo.

Frank, William A., m. Nancy A. Smith.

SIDNEY son of Felix and Phebe Downs m. 1st, Emily Sanford, who d. Oct. 9, 1835, aged 26. He m. 2d, Mrs. Ruth Alling. Residence Bethany. Children:

Harriet, m. Clark Hotchkiss.

Julia, m. Eber Carpenter.

Emma, m. Elwin Bardick.

ZERI, son of Samuel and Sarah Downs, m. in Westville, Rachel, dau. of Elihu and Sybil (Dickerman) Sanford, who died May 22, 1861, aged 92. Late in life Zeri removed from Bethany to Bethlehem. He was a tailor. Children:

Wealthy, m. ——— Cowles, resided Bethlehem, Ct.

Anna, m. 1st, ——— Kimberly; 2d Shelton Brown; res. Bethlehem.

Willis, b. Dec. 26, 1788; m. Millicent Guernsey, of Watertown, March 13, 1822; residence Woodbury, occupation miller, d. June 2, 1860.

Lucretia, m. Frederick Luddington, res. Bethlehem, d. July 14, 1843.

Betsey, b. 1804, residence Bethlehem, d. Jan. 11, 1849, unmarried.

Lewis, machinist, res. Derby, m. Louisa Buel.

Albert Zeri, b. 1806, m. Sarah Cook Pritchard, d. in Westville June 19, 1884.

Frederick, farmer, residence Bethlehem, m. Phebe Hawley.

Brintha, residence Groton, m. William Cash.

Henry, b. 1817, cabinet maker, res. New Haven, m. Fannie Gabriel, d. April 30, 1872.

WILLIS, son of Zeri and Rachael Downs, m. Millicent Guernsey. He located in Woodbury, Conn., where he was engaged in the grist and sawmill business.

ALBERT Z, son of Zeri and Rachel Downs, m. in Waterbury, Oct. 12, 1830, Sarah Pritchard, occupation, cabinet maker. Residence, Woodbury and New Haven. Children:

Francis Henry, b. Waterbury, May 17, 1832, now living in Oklahoma.

James Isaac, b. Dec. 16, 1833, in Waterbury, engineer, d. in Westville Sept. 3, 1889.

Frederick Augustus, b. Woodbury Nov. 22, 1835, farmer, res. Lyndon, Kas., m. Amanda Bales, of Des Moines, Iowa, Feb., 1867.

Albert Z., b. in Woodbury Dec. 31, 1833, m. Emily Evarts.

Edward Sanford,* b. Feb. 15, 1841, m. Hattie Umberfield, d. Sept. 18, 1880.

Sarah Louisa, b. in Woodbury Apr. 21, 1843, m. Smith Abbott of Derby July 4, 1887.

William Pritchard, b. Woodbury Sept. 16, 1845, machinist, res. Westville, m. Emma Boardman, Sept. 16, 1877.

Maria Elizabeth, b. Oct. 31, 1847, m. Thomas Robertson.

Ella Cornelia, b. Oct. 18, 1850, m. Alfred Cooper Oct., 1897, res. Branford.

Helen Augusta, b. April 21, 1853, m. S. Hart Culver of Seymour, Aug. 10, 1873 dau., Helena A., b. May 18, 1875; m. Oliver M. Williams.

Clara Jennie, b. in Bethlehem, May 12, 1855, d. in Westville, Feb. 5, 1860.

*Enlisted in Co. F, 6th C. V., Sept. 8, 1861; re-enlisted in 1863, was promoted sergeant June 26, 1865; and served until the close of the war; m. Harriet E. Umberfield in Seymour Mar. 20, 1867; d. Sept. 10, 1880, aged 39.

ALBERT ZERI, son of Zeri and Sarah Downs, m. Emily A. Evarts, May 1, 1867, in New Haven. Residence Westville. Occupation machinist. Children:

Linna Emily.

James Evarts.

Edytha Alma.

Alberta Mabel.

WILLIAM HENRY, son of Charles and Sarah Downs, m. Nov. 28, 1880, Laver na, dau. of Frederick and Rhoda (Austin) Tuttle, Resides in Bethany. Child: John Samuel, b. Sept. 26, 1882; m. Oct. 9, 1907, Blanch E. Harrington of Naugatuck. Residence Bethany.



ORIGINAL DOWNS HOMESTEAD, DOWNS STREET, BETHANY.

ELBERT, son of Lyman and Amy Downs, m. Feb. 26, 1858, Catherine, dau. of Selden and Susan (Dorman) Bailey. Resided on the old home farm, Downs street, Bethany. Children:

Theodore, b. Dec. 14, 1878, m. Minnie McClure June 15, 1904, res. Downs st., Bethany.

Lillian, b. July 13, 1860.

Katie, b. Oct. 21, 1862, m. Dwight L. Humiston Nov. 27, 1879, res. Bethany.

William, b. July 18, 1864.

Theodora, b. Feb. 10, 1876, d. April, 8, 1876.

Elbert S., b. Feb. 6, 1878. Res. Bethany.

LONSO, son of Lewis and Julianna Downs, m. Nancy Smith. Resides in Southford, Ct. Children:

Rosa.

Fanny.

William.

Harriet.

Lewis.

ISAAC, son of Eber and Anna Downs, m. Mabel Perkins of Bethany. He lived in Wolcott, Conn. Children :

Kneeland, b. 1809, d. Sept 30, 1864.

Harley, m. Leonora Norton lived in Wolcott; had dau. Esther, who m. Elizabeth, m. ———Camp. [James Huff.

Harriet.

Esther, m. ———Woodruff.

Ambrose Ives, had a son Isaac.

KNEELAND, son of Isaac and Mabel Downs, m. Ann Andrew, who d. Aug. 6, 1889, aged 85. He was one of the foremost in promoting the interests of the Methodist church of Bethany, and aided materially in its construction in 1840. Children :

Sarah A., b. March 26, 1832, m. John T. Beach.

Jerome Andrew, b. June 2, 1838.

Mary Esther, b. July, 1844, m. John J. Warner.



JEROME A. DOWNS.
1838-1904.

JEROME A., son of Kneeland and Ann Downs, m. 1st, Eliza D. Tolles, 2d, Dec. 2, 1868, Alta H. Porter. He enlisted in Co. K., 10th C. V., Sept. 26, 1861, and served three years in the Civil War, receiving an honorable discharge at the expiration of the term for which he had enlisted. He was one of Bethany's most respected citizens, a trustee and steward of the Methodist church, and had been elected to various offices in the gift of his townsmen. He died March 8, 1904. Children :

Clifton T., residence, New Haven.

Jerome A., b. Sept. 10, 1869, residence, Bethany.

Alta H., b. Nov. 2, 1870, d. Jan. 6, 1871.

CHARLES, son of Lyman and Amy Downs, m. Sarah Durant. Children :

William Henry, b. April 13, 1848.

Leander, b. June, 1854, lives in Hamden, (West Woods.)

Josephine, b. Oct. 1856.

Augustus Thomas.

Zina, m. Elizabeth Thomas. Res. New Haven. Children: Ella, Charles.

Samuel B., b. Mar. 25, 1859, m. Addie Warner Oct. 25, 1898; res Bethany.

JEROME ANDREW DOWNS, son of Jerome A. and Alta H. Downs, m. 1st, Nov. 6, 1890, Florence A. Rathburn; who d. Feb. 3, 1894: 2d, Jan. 6, 1897, Josephine Nettleton. He has been first selectman of Bethany for several years and represented the town in the Connecticut legislature in 1905. He has been a member of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry for twentytwo years, and Master of Beacon Valley Grange, No. 103, for four years. He was a member of the Governor's Guard for twelve years and was on the Major's Staff for six years with rank of Lieutenant. He is a charter member of Croswell Lodge, No. 39, of the I. O. O. F., of New Haven, and has been a member of the Young Men's Republican Club for sixteen years. Children:



JEROME A. DOWNS, 2D.

Jerome Andrew, b. July 11, 1892.

Florence Faith, b. Jan. 16, 1894.

Josephine Emogene, b. Feb. 21, 1898.

Alta Sarah, b. Nov. 12, 1899.

Kneeland Porter, b. July 6, 1902.

Dwight Baldwin, b. July 6, 1902.

Stanley Hotchkiss, b. July 12, 1906.

FRANK, son of Lewis and Julianna Downs, m. Charlotte Smith. Children: Elizabeth.

Frederick, m. Nellie Bunnell.

Elliot, m. Mary Donahue. Nelson.

LEANDER, son of Charles and Sarah Downs, m. Julia Sanford. Residence, Hamden. Children:

Burton. Jessie. Irving Tuttle.

SAMUEL B., son of Charles and Sarah Downs, m. Oct. 25, 1895, Addie Warner. Residence, Bethany. Child:

Samuel A., b. Aug. 25, 1899.

THEODORE, son of Elbert and Catherine Downs, m. June 15, 1904, Minnie McClurke. Residence, Bethany.

WILLIAM B., son of Elbert and Catherine Downs, b. in Hamden July 18, 1864; m. Jan. 2, 1888, Etta Blakeslee. Residence, Downs street, Bethany. Children: Ralph, b. Dec. 12, 1891. Isabel, b. July 29, 1893.

CLIFTON, son of Jerome and Eliza D. Downs, m. ————. He is an engineer, residence, New Haven. Children:

Rollin.

Warren.

ROBERT DOWNS, of Oxford, son of Leverett and Anna Downs, was born in Bethany Mar. 10, 1835, his parents moving to the Red Oak district, on the Chestnut Tree Hill road, Oxford, in 1836. He enlisted Aug. 18, 1862, for three years, in Co. H. 15th C. V., and was in the battle of Fredericksburg, the siege of Suffolk, and the battle of Kinston, N. C., Mar. 8, 1865, where he was taken prisoner and taken to Richmond, but was paroled after three days, and after a

furlough was again in the service. At the close of the war he returned to the old homestead in Oxford which he occupied until his death in 1906. He was a member of the Methodist church in Naugatuck and was one of Oxford's most respected citizens.

THE CARRINGTON FAMILY.

This has been one of the most respected families of the town of Bethany and in fact of New Haven County. The "Commemorative Biographical Record" of the county says—"Few names in the history of New Haven have been more potent and influential," and refers to the late John B. Carrington, for many years the publisher of the New Haven Journal and Courier, who was born in Bethany in 1811. He was the son of Alling and Nancy (Atwood) Carrington. The family history has been so well written up that only more recent names and events need be given here.



ABRAM E. CARRINGTON, whose portrait is here given, was the son of David and Rachel A Carrington of Bethany. He m. 1st, April 8, 1857, Sarah E., daughter of Jabez E and Lucretia Pritchard of Seymour, who died Dec. 19, 1874; 2d, Mary J., daughter of Henry and Malenia Patterson of Naugatuck, May 19, 1875. He was one of Bethany's most respected citizens, a devoted husband and a kind father. He died Jan. 24, 1908, aged 78 years, leaving an honored name and an example of good citizenship. He had enjoyed a long and successful life, and his end was as peaceful as his life had been. Children:

Mary E., b. Aug. 26, 1859; d Jan. 28, 1864.

Willie E., b. July 22, 1862; d Jan. 23, 1864.

IDA M., b. Feb. 6 1865; m. Wm. H.

Lowell of New Haven Oct. 15, 1896; dau:

Marion Pauline, b. Oct. 13, 1897.

Charles P., b. Dec. 12, 1867; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ella S., b. Jan. 16, 1870; m. Burton W. Holbrook of Seymour. June 23, 1892. Children:

Gladys Carrington, b. July 20, 1897.

Helen Isabel, b Aug. 15, 1903.

Otis E., b. Feb. 24, 1876; m. Charlotte Clark June 20, 1901; res. Bethany.
Children:

Bernice Ruth, b. Mar. 22, 1902.

Beatrice May, b. Aug. 6, 1904.

Alfred Otis, b. July 9, 1907.

Burton A., b. June 12, 1877; m. Cora E. Loomis Mar. 11, 1903.

Henry P., b. July 30, 1880.

Rachel M., b. April 9, 1882; m. Sherman P. Woodward Oct. 25, 1905; res. Bethany.

Hiram D., b. Jan 3, 1886.

Ralph W., b. April 8, 1888.

Ruth E., b. Sept. 27, 1891.

DANIEL CARRINGTON, son of David and Thankful Carrington, m. Rachel A. Dorman June 30, 1820 Residence on Skokorat. Children:

David, b. July 14, 1821; m. Elizabeth Robinson; d. Dec. 27, 1859.

Eliza A., b. April 17, 1824; m. Smith Terrill of Seymour.

Albert D., b. May 14, 1826.

Abram E., b. Oct. 31, 1832; m. Howard Chatfield of Seymour, d. Nov. 12, 1906.

Emily G., b. Feb. 16, 1838; m. Howard Chatfield.

ALBERT D. CARRINGTON, son of Daniel and Rachel A., m. 1st, Dec 24, 1851, Lucretia Wheeler of Oxford, who died July 21, 1872; 2d, Sarah F. Buckingham, Dec. 3, 1872. Children:

Daniel, b. Sept. 25, 1852; m. Cornelia T. Hubbell Oct. 19, 1871. Res. Beacon Falls.

Wheeler, b. April 6, 1865.

Lulu, b. Oct. 12, 1873.

Jessie, b. Sept. 8, 1876; m. Caleb S. Fuller of Torrington Nov. 28, 1891.

Milton, b. Nov. 10, 1879.

THE ANDREW FAMILY.

WILLIAM ANDREW was at Cambridge, Mass., in 1634. He was constable in 1635 and 1640, and selectman in 1635. Mary, his wife, died Jan. 19, 1639-40. He m. 2d widow Reana James, of Watertown, Mass., about Aug. 1640. He died 1652. He had a son—

Samuel, b. in England about 1621; d. in June, 1701.

SAMUEL ANDREW, son of William and Mary, m. Elizabeth White Sept. 22, 1652. Children:

Samuel, b. Jan. 29, 1655-6; d. Jan. 24, 1738.

William, b. June 7, 1658.

John, b. March 2, 1660; d. May 30, 1693.

Elizabeth, b. April 5, 1663; m. William Gedney.

Thomas, b. May 13, 1665; d. Feb. 24, 1666-7.

Mary, b. Dec. 28, 1666; d. June 20, 1667.

Thomas, b. March 23, 1667.

Mary, b. Feb. 22, 1671; d. Feb. 29, 1671.

Jonathan, b. 1693; d. May 9, 1700.

SAMUEL ANDREW, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, was a graduate at Harvard 1675, and removed from Cambridge to Milford, Conn., where he was ordained pastor of the church Nov. 10, 1635. He worked with Pierpont and others in the founding of Yale College, was a member of the first board of trustees, was president of the college from 1707 to 1719, an instructor in the college for several years, and a member of the corporation until his death. He was a clergyman for 52 years. He married Abigail, dau. of Governor Robert and Jane Treat of Milford. Children:

Abigail, bapt. Jan. 16, 1637; m. Jonathan Law Aug. 1, 1706.

Samuel, bapt. Oct. 14, 1638; d. April 26, 1723.

Elizabeth, bapt. June 1690; m. Timothy Cutler.

William, bapt. May 8, 1692; d. May 2, 1712.

John, bapt. July 22, 1694; d. Dec. 25, 1714.

Jane, bapt. Jan. 7, 1696; d. Feb. 1, 1696.

Mary, bapt. Jan. 7, 1696.

Jane, bapt. April, 1699; m. Andrew Durand.

Jonathan, bapt. Aug. 24, 1701; d. 1740.

Hannah, bapt. Nov. 19, 1704.

JONATHAN ANDREW, son of Rev. Samuel and Abigail, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Walter Smith, of Milford, Jan. 5, 1727. Children:

Elizabeth, bapt. Sept., 1728.

Jonathan, bapt. Oct. 1730.

Abigail, bapt. March, 1732.

William, bapt. June, 1734; d. Aug. 28, 1796.

Mary, bapt. June, 1734.

Samuel, bapt. June, 173—.

WILLIAM ANDREW, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth, m. 1st, Esther, dau. of Samuel Marchant; 2d, Margaret Merwin, of Oyster River. Children:

William, b. 1764; d. Dec. 7, 1834.

Mary, m. Stephen Prindle.

Elias, m. Huldah ——.

Esther, m. Thaddeus Bryan.

Roxana, m. Jeremiah Peck,

Merwin, m. Susan Platt.

WILLIAM ANDREW, son of William and Esther, m. Mary, dau. of Phineas Terrell. Res. Bethany. Children:

Mary, b. 1792; m. Clark Hitchcock.

William, b. Aug. 3, 1794; d. Nov. 22, 1856.

Job, b. Aug. 19, 1796; d. Aug. 18, 1868.

Samuel, b. 1800; m. Salmah Smith.

Esther, b. 1803; m. Amos Hine.

Nehemiah, b. June 5, 1805; m. Phinette Sperry, d. Feb. 16, 1889.

Aun, m. Kneeland Downs.

WILLIAM ANDREW, son of William and Mary, m. Temperance, dau. of Silas Hotchkiss, of Bethany. Children:

Mary, b. Sept. 15, 1813; m. Samuel Bassett.

Hiram, m. Grace Tyrell.

Susan, m. Stiles Russell.

William Wooster.

Harriet, b. 1818; m. Joseph G. Reynolds.

Ann, m. Jackson Johnson.

Theodore Read, m. Mary Sperry.

JOB ANDREW, son of William and Mary, served in war of 1812, and represented the town of Bethany in the legislature in 1841. He m. Jan. 4, 1815, Lois Prince, who d. May 9, 1874, aged 97. Children:

Maria, b. April 5, 1817; m. Sheldon Alling of Orange.

Jeremiah, b. Feb. 15, 1819; d. Mar. 12, 1888.

Azariah, b. June 29, 1821; d. Feb. 23, 1898.

Nathan, b. Aug. 26, 1828; d. Dec. 13, 1872.

Eliza Ann, b. Sept. 19, 1833; m. William Smith of Seymour.

JEREMIAH ANDREWS, son of Job and Lois, m. in 1841 Hannah Cooper, who d. Apr. 11, 1888, aged 72. Res. Seymour, 3rd house south of the Bungay school-house. He was for many years a prominent and efficient member of the Great Hill M. E. Church. Children:

Grace Adelaide, b. Nov. 20, 1842; m. Wm. Leroy Williamson Mar. 17, 1866.

Hannah C., b. Dec. 8, 18—, m. Edward N. Childs July 31, 1869. Res. Seymour.

George W., b. May 31, 1855. Res. Seymour.

AZARIAH ANDREW, son of Job and Lois, m. June 29, 1856, Sarah A. Pardee of Orange, who died Jan. 11, 1901. Res. Bethany. Children:

Noyes, b. April 7, 1857.

Fannie P., b. May 17, 1858; m. John Earley of Seymour; d. June 19, 1894

Mary E., b. Jan. 21, 1860; m. Manson S. Burgess of Derby.

John D., b. June 9, 1861.

NATHAN ANDREW, son of Job and Lois, m. Elizabeth Nettleton, who d. Dec. 28, 1870, aged 45. Occupation, sawyer. Res. Bethany. Children:

Celia E., b. Oct. 1, 1846.

Jerome, b. Feb. 18, 1848.

Llewellyn, b. Nov. 18, 1850; m. Teresa E. Washburn May 1, 1872. Res. Oxford. Occupation, miller.

Jeremiah, b. Oct. 5, 1852; m. Hattie E. Sackett.

Charles Hubert, b. May 16, 1855.

Eliza Ann, b. ———; d. 1871.

Nelson, b. Mar., 1861.

JEROME ANDREW, son of Nathan and Elizabeth, m. Martha E. Osborn Mar. 26, 1873. Res. Beacon Falls. Ch:

Fred Lucius, b. June 8, 1877; m. Mabel Kate Lacey Apr. 9, 1901.

JEREMIAH ANDREW, son of Nathan and Elizabeth Andrew, m. Hattie Sackett Dec. 9, 1874. Res. Seymour. Children:

Walter J., b. June 6, 1878.

Jennie E., b. Dec. 10, 1884.

THE HOTCHKISS FAMILY.

SAMUEL HOTCHKISS, (probably from Essex, England, and traditional brother of John of Guilford Conn.,) was in New Haven as early as 1641. In August, 1642, he married Elizabeth Cleverly, and d. Dec. 28, 1663. Children:

John, b. 1643.

Samuel, b. 1645.

James, b. 1647.

Joshua, b. Sept. 16, 1651.

Thomas, b. Dec., 1654.

Daniel, b. June 8, 1657.

ENS. JOSHUA HOTCHKISS, son of Samuel; m. Mary Hotchkiss. Children:

Mary, b. April 30, 1679.

Dea. Stephen, b. Aug. 12, 1681.

Martha, b. Dec. 14, 1683.

Priscilla, b. 1688.

Abraham.

Desire, d. in 1702.

Isaac, b. 1701.

Jacob, b. Feb. 7, 1704.

ABRAHAM HOTCHKISS, son of Joshua, settled in Bethany, and had three daughters.

ISAAC HOTCHKISS, son of Joshua, settled in Bethany. Children:

Abraham.

Isaac.

Jacob.

Jabez.

Joseph, and others.

JABEZ HOTCHKISS, son of Isaac, was a lifelong resident of Bethany. Children:

Stephen, b. Oct. 31, 1761; d. Nov. 5, 1847.

Mary, b. June 3, 1762.

Timothy, b. Jan. 22, 1766.

Lydia, b. Apr. 1, 1768; d. 1773.

Eleazor, b. June 4, 1770.

Lydia, b. June 7, 1774.

STEPHEN HOTCHKISS, son of Jabez; m. Hannah Brown. Children:

Harriet.

Harley, b. Sept. 12, 1791; d. Mar. 29, 1860.

Rebecca, m. Minott Collins.

Wealthy, died young.

Eber.

Stephen, m. Abigail Hotchkiss of Prospect, Sept. 10, 1837.

Hannah, m. John Russell.

Jared, m. Amy French. He died Aug. 25, 1854, aged 50.

Jesse, m. Caroline Sperry.

George, m. Laura Sperry.

HARLEY HOTCHKISS, son of Stephen; m. Harriet, dau. of Benjamin Collins, who died in 1862. Res. Bethany, near the Beacon Falls line. Children:

Wealthy Ann, m. Thomas Gilyard.

Andrew T., d. in Bethany in 1877.

Harris, died young.

Charles T., b. July 9, 1834.

EBER HOTCHKISS, son of Stephen; m. Thirza Driver. Children:

Dilazon.

Gracia.

Samantha.

Jane.

Samuel.

Hooker.

JARED HOTCHKISS, son of Stephen; m. Amy French of Prospect, Sept. 13, 1840. Children:

Henry Hooker, bapt. Mar. 24, 1842; died young

Caroline Lucina, bap. Dec. 1844.

GEORGE HOTCHKISS, son of Stephen, m. Laura Sperry, April 4, 1841. Res. Bethany. Children:

Erban Evander, bap. Aug. 13, 1843; m. Elizabeth Crabtree.

——(dau.).

——(dau.).

ANDREW T. HOTCHKISS, son of Harley, m. Belinda Buckingham. Children:

Ernest Z.

Isa Annette, b. Apr. 29, 1853.

Harley D.

Andrew T.

CHARLES T. HOTCHKISS, son of Harley, m. in 1861 Emma V. Watson. He is a school teacher, res. Cheshire, Conn. Children:

Mary Claribel, m. Warren Andrews.

Clarence H., d. at 6½ yrs.

Harriet L., m. Everett Pardee.

DAVID HOTCHKISS came from Woodbridge and settled in Bethany.

HARVEY HOTCHKISS, son of David, m. Sarah Alling. He built the house near the southern bank of Lebanon Swamp.

JARIUS B. HOTCHKISS, m. Eunice Russell Jan. 13, 1839. Res. Bethany. Children:

Philo Delos, b. Dec. 7, 1839.

Edward Lester, b. Dec. 11, 1840.

Juliet Christina, b. Aug. 21, 1843.

Jane D., b. Sept. 5, 1845.

HARPIN H. HOTCHKISS, m. Charlotte E. Alling Feb. 15, 1852. Res. Bethany. Children:

Katie Irene.

Ida Estella.

Adelia May, bap. Dec. 7, 1872.

HARVEY HOTCHKISS, son of ———, b. 1781, d. Dec. 9, 1855; m. 1805 Sarah, dau. of Gideon Alling of Milford. Res. Bethany. She died Sept. 21, 1862. Children:

Sheldon Alling, b. Apr. 22, 1808.

Eliza Samantha, b. Sept. 18, 1810; d. Feb. 14, 1876.

Solomon, b. Jan. 18, 1813; m. Charlotte Hemingway; d. Jan. 7, 1886.

Beecher Delos, b. Feb. 11, 1815; m. Betsey Perkins; d. Oct. 30, 1866.

Julius Leonard, b. June 17, 1817; m. Saphronia ———; d. Feb. 17, 1879.

Theodore Nelson, b. Dec. 20, 1819; m. Lucia Sperry; d. Feb. 27, 1888.

Sarah Finette, b. Oct. 29, 1822; m. De Witt Clinton Castle of Seymour Mar. 5, 1848; d. Jan. 15, 1878.

Orlando Thomas, b. Aug. 8, 1825; d. Dec. 11, 1828.

Harvey Harpin, b. Feb. 16, 1828.

Margaret Dianthe, b. June 16, 1730; m. Matthew Trehwella of Cheshire; d. Feb. 14, 1872.

HARPIN HARVEY HOTCHKISS, son of Harvey and Sarah; m. Feb. 15, 1852, Charlotte Eliza Alling. Res. Prospect. Children:

Adella M., b. Dec. 13, 1852; d. Jan. 3, 1873.

Orson B., b. July 8, 1854; m. Sept. 12, 1892, Lillian Alling.

Katie I., b. Dec. 17, 1859; m. June 29, 1881, Herbert E. Doolittle.

Ida E., b. May 6, 1861; m. Nov. 29, 1882, Geo. R. Doolittle.

Etta I., b. Feb. 1, 1868; d. Sept. 17, 1881.

CLARK HOTCHKISS, son of Isaac and Elizabeth; m. Caroline A. Sperry, dau. of Chillon Sperry. He was for many years both deacon and chorister of the Congregational church, Bethany. He lived in the house now occupied by Clifton Rosha. Children:

Mary, m. 1st, Elizur Hicock; 2d, Thomas Cochran.

Isaac, m. Mary Reed.

Sarah.

Isaac G., res. Brent Creek, Mich.

Fanny, 2d wife of Adrian Rosha.

Julia, m. Thomas Higgins of Ansonia.

Anna Gertrude, m. in 1868 Adrian C. Rosha.

Arthur, m. Eugenia Sperry.

Martha, m. Lyman Gaylord of Bethany, now of Moundville, Marquette Co., Wis.

BEECHER D. HOTCHKISS, m. Betsy Perkins, dau. of Guy Perkins, who d. Oct. 3, 1863, aged 42. He had a blacksmith shop across the road from his house, and a sawmill near, and was known as a man of varied mechanical genius. He d. Oct. 31, 1866, aged 62.

THE LOUNSBURY FAMILY.

RICHARD LOUNSBURY came from England, and his son John, of Rye, N. Y., had a son —

JOSIAH LOUNSBURY, 1st, who came from Rye, Westchester Co., N. Y., to New Haven, and m. Ruth Lines May 7, 1724: removed to Bethany. Children:

John, b. Jan. 18, 1724-5.

Jacob, b. March 6, 1726.

Mary, b. Feb. 12, 1727-8.

Josiah, b. Aug. 5, 1729.

Samuel b. 1731; served in the Revolutionary War.

Ruth, b. 1733; m. Nehemiah Tolles, Sept. 20, 1759.

Daniel, b. 1735.

Stephen, b. 1736; m. Hannah Sperry Oct. 26, 1761.

Esther, b. 1738. Timothy, b. 1740; d. 1821.

JOSIAH LOUNSBURY, 2d, son of Josiah and Ruth, m. Martha Hotchkiss of Woodbridge, Oct. 26, 1749. Children:

Hester, b. 1750.

Linus, b. Jan. 3, 1752

Josiah, b. 1754.

Obadiah, b. 1759.

LINUS LOUNSBURY, son of Josiah and Ruth, m. Prudence Scott of Oxford in 1783. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, enlisting in Gen. Wooster's regiment in April, 1775, at the first call for troops by the legislature. In 1776 he was in Wadsworth's Brigade which was sent to reinforce Washington's army at New York. His name appears in the list of pensioners in 1832. Children:

Josiah, b. 1785.

Lyman, b. 1791.

Calvin, b. 1786.

Esther, b. 1793; m. Edmund Mallory.

Amelia, b. 1788, m. Daniel Davis. Martha, b. 1795; m. Titus Smith.

Ansel, b. 1790.

JOSIAH LOUNSBURY, 3d, son of Linus and Prudence, m. Sarah, dau. of Erastus Lines of Bethany, in 1815. Res. Bethany. Children:

Harriet, b. 1817; m. Willis Umberfield; res. Seymour.

Caroline, b. 1821; m. Jessie Hotchkiss.

Ransom, b. Jan. 30, 1828; m. Mary Joyce of Trumbull Aug. 25, 1847.

JAIRUS LOUNSBURY, son of John and Ruth, m. Amelia Chapman, removed to Vermont, and after some years returned to New Haven. He was a soldier of the Revolution. Children:

Collins, b. July 19, 1783; lived in Vermont; d. 1863.

Clarissa, b. Feb. 11, 1791; m. John Gamsby.

Betsey, b. Aug. 11, 1794; m. Harvey Finch.

Victory, b. Sept. 8, 1795; d. Nov. 25, 1868.

Sally b. April 13 1800; m. Russell Moulton

Crownage, b. May 20, 1803.

David, b. Aug. 15, 1805; d. April 1, 1877.

TIMOTHY LOUNSBURY, son of Josiah and Ruth; m. 1st, Hannah Smith; 2d, Sally——. Res. Bethany. Children:

Lucy, m. James Hotchkiss.

Hannah F., b ———; m Robert R. Russell.

Timothy, b ———.

Eri, b. ———; m. Sarah ———.

Eunice, b. ———; m Truman Prince,

———(son) b. ———.

TIMOTHY LOUNSBURY, son of Timothy and Hannah; m. Hannah, dau. of David and Lois French of Bethany. Res. Bethany. He was a man of excellent judgment and was regarded as one of the most thorough and thrifty farmers in the town. He lived for a long time in a little house much too small for the convenience of his eleven children, but in 1811, before his twelfth child was born, he built what was then the largest and the most costly house in the town. He at one time owned fourteen hundred acres of land in Bethany and in New York state. On what was then his farm, a few rods from the old homestead, is the Lounsbury cemetery, which was set apart by Timothy and enclosed with a neat and strong iron fence. Children:

Dorcas, b. July, 1798; m Jabez Wilcox.

Timothy, b. March 25, 1791; m. Mary Ann Clark.

Lewis, b. 1793; m. Charity, dau. of Amos Clark of Nymphs.

Daniel, b. 1795; m. Sarah, dau. of David Wooding of Bethany.

Jesse, b. Dec., 1796; m. Bede, dau. of Jesse Bradley of Bethany.

Hannah, b. 1799; m. Herschel Sanford of Prospect.

Smith, b. ———; m. Jennette Tomlinson Feb. 11, 1824.

Allen, b. 1803; m. Maria, dau. of Elam Cook of Cheshire. Res Bethany.

Eunice, b. Jan. 14, 1805; m. 1st, Vincent Brown; 2d, McDonald Fisher.

Mary, b. Mar. 14, 1807; m. Burritt Hitchcock, son of Timothy.

John, b. Aug. 16, 1809; m. Mary Church; d. April 6, 1895.

George, b. Nov. 23, 1812; m. Mary Austin of Prospect.

Eri, m. Sarah Carrington.

ERI LOUNSBURY, son of Timothy and Hannah, m. Sarah Carrington. Res. Lounsbury street, Bethany. Children:

Abram. Sally, m. Lyman Wheeler.

Isaac, m. ——— Lodemann. Harriet, m. William Todd.

Polly, m. Miles Horton. Lucy, d. unmarried.

Rebecca, m. Asa Bradley. William H., b. Dec. 30, 1815.

Lucretia, m. Selden Hoadley.

ABRAM LOUNSBURY, son of Eri and Sarah, m. Emily, dau. of David and Lolly (Todd) Perkins, Sept. 12, 1824. Res. Bethany. Children.:

Sarah, b. May 2, 1826; m. Nathan Clark, Sept. 6, 1843.

David A., b. Mar. 11, 1831.

John Wesley, b. Aug. 10, 1838.

ISAAC LOUNSBURY, son of Eri and Sarah, m. Lodema ——— Children:

Isaac. Obed, located in Meriden.

WILLIAM H. LOUNSBURY, son of Eri and Sarah, m. 1st, Charity Buckingham; 2d, Sept. 8, 1873, Susan Beard. Children:

Irvin, b. July 9, 1843; d. Sept. 23, 1861.

Elford, b. Oct. 17, 1845.

Celia, b. Sept. 26, 1848; m. Charles D. Allen of Hamden Dec. 28, 1872.

Delia, b. Sept. 29, 1848.

Etta, b. June 6, 1874.

William, b. June, 1876; d. May, 1877.

William, b. Oct. 3, 1879.

DAVID A. LOUNSBURY, son of Abram and Emily, m. 1st, May 6, 1852. Susan M. Doolittle of Hamden; m. 2d, Nov. 18, 1854, Nancy A. Hopkins; m. 3d, May 16, 1878, Margaret Billerwell. Res. Bethany, until 1906, when he removed to Bridgeport. Children:

Mary Etta, m. Albert Beardsley.

Ives, b. April 21, 1861.

John Clarence, b. June 6, 1879.

Bertha, b. Nov. 23, 1881.

Clara, b. April 22, 1886; d. 1886.

Dorothe, b. Aug. 19, 1893.

DR. JOHN LOUNSBURY, son of Timothy and Hannah, studied at Wilbraham, Mass., and then at Yale, graduating from the medical department with the class of 1837. He settled in Oxford and practiced there for many years. He married Mary, dau. of William and Lois (Pitcher) Church, of Oxford. Children:

Emma, b. June 25, 1845. Res. Oxford.

Tully, b. March 8, 1847.

CROWNAGE LOUNSBURY, son of Jairus, m. Eliza Samantha Hotchkiss of Woodbridge, Feb. 14, 1831. Children:

William H., b. July 25, 1833; m. Julia Ladue, who d. Dec. 29, 1892; m. 2d,

Fanny M. Hunter. Res. Westville.

Mark, b. Aug. 14, 1835; m. Ann Webster June 14, 1857; res. Seymour.

Sarah S., b. May 4, 1839; m. S. Channcey Hooker; res. Willimantic.

REV. ELFORD LOUNSBURY, son of William and Charity, m. Adella Seaman. He is a Methodist clergyman of New York City and has served as a missionary in Bulgaria. Children:

Ethel and Irvin, died in Bulgaria.

Erma.

Elfreda.

Floyd.

ELIAS LOUNSBURY, son of Stephen, m. 1st Appalina Judd; 2d Mary Perkins. Children:

Elias.

Major.

Newel, m. Jennette Hungerford of Bethany Feb. 12, 1837.

Marlin.

Belus.

Ursula.

MAJOR LOUNSBURY, son of Elias and Mary, m. Hannah Beecher, who d. Mar. 7, 1876, aged 77. Res. Bethany. Children:

Henry E., b. Feb. 9, 1829; m. Mary F. Dickerman April 4, 1866

RANSOM LOUNSBURY, son of Josiah and Sarah, m. Mary Joyce of Trumbull, Aug. 25, 1847. Res. Beacon Falls. Children:

Charles H., b. Sept. 18, 1848.

Eliza, b. July 19, 1851; m. Herbert Beers.

Ella, b. July 23, 1864; m. 1st, Frederick Colwell; 2d, Charles D. Roberts.

CHARLES H. LOUNSBURY, son of Ransom and Mary, m. Jennie, dau. of John Titley of Beacon Falls. He represented the town of Beacon Falls in the legislature of 1877 and later removed to Seymour where he has for many years been a successful merchant. He was the first selectman for a number of years, has since been chairman of the Board of Assessors, and is now president of the Business Men's Association. Children:

Jessie May, b. June 19, 1879; d. Aug. 15, 1881.

Mary E., b. Sept. 12, 1881.

Charles H., b. Nov. 1, 1883; m. Minnie E. Simmonds April 16, 1907.

John Titley, b. Nov. 15, 1890.

THE DOOLITTLE FAMILY.

This family has included many citizens of sterling worth in this grand old town, men whose influence has also been felt far beyond its limits, and men who in the earlier years did their full share in the formative period of our free institutions. The family is descended from Abraham Doolittle, one of the earliest settlers of New Haven, owning a house there as early as 1642, and was prominent in the affairs of the then new settlement. He died Aug. 11, 1690, aged 69, and his wife, nee Abigail Moss, Nov. 5, 1710.

ISAAC DOOLITTLE of Bethany, son of Reuben and grandson of Caleb of Hamden, m. Ursula, dau. of Ami Hoadley. Children:

Andrew J., b. ———, 1842.

Ellen S., m. George Dorman.

Mary J., m. Hezekiah Lindley.

Luther, enlisted in the 10th C. V. and was killed at the battle of Kingston, N. C.

ANDREW J. DOOLITTLE, son of Isaac and Ursula, served in the war of the Rebellion in Co. H, 23d C. V. He is a member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of New Haven. He was elected representative to the General Assembly in 1888, and has been selectman and assessor. He m. in 1870 Josephine, dau. of Benjamin Bishop, of Woodbridge. They have one son:

ARTHUR H. DOOLITTLE, b. Aug. 12, 1871. He represented the town of Bethany in the legislature in 1899, and has filled various positions of responsibility and trust. He is a member of Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., and Crosswell Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was for two years master of Woodbridge Grange.

DENNIS W. DOOLITTLE, son of Bennet and Minerva Doolittle and grandson of Reuben, kept a grocery store at Mt. Carmel for a short time, and in New Haven for about fifteen years, and was engaged in the wood and coal business there for several years. In 1834 he settled in Bethany, and in 1836 opened a grocery store there. He m. 1st, in 1867, Evelina I., dau. of Philos Dorman; 2d, in 1878, Rosa N. Dorman, sister of his first wife. Children:

Cleveland B., b. in 1884.

Warren P., b. in 1885.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, OCT. 12, 1863.

(From the Connecticut Herald and Journal, New Haven, Nov. 1, 1863.)

On the twelfth of October the people of Bethany celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the first organization of a church there, and the settlement of the first pastor, Rev. Stephen Hawley. At 10 o'clock they assembled around his grave where a handsome stone bears the inscription "Erected on the Centennial, October 12, 1863," and sung "One Hundred Years Ago," united in prayer, and listened to

an address by Rev. J. L. Willard, of Westville. They then passed to the field in which Mr. Hawley was ordained in the open air, and sung "One Hundred Years to Come," and were addressed by Rev. E. W. Robinson, of Bethany, and Rev. D. M. Elwood, of Woodbridge.

In the afternoon an address was delivered in the Congregational church by Rev. S. C. Brace, the pastor, from the historical portions of which we are permitted to publish the following extract:

In 1739, one hundred and one years after the settlement of New Haven, the parish of Amity was set off, containing territory from the townships of New Haven and Milford. In 1742, Rev. Benjamin Woodbridge was settled as the pastor.

In 1762, upon the memorial of Joel Hotchkiss and others, it was enacted by the general assembly, that the inhabitants of the Parish of Amity, "living north of an east and west line drawn from the south end of the Widow Hannah Sperry's dwelling house," should be a distinct Ecclesiastical society to be named Bethany.

The first meeting of this society was held November 13, 1762, at the school house in Bethany, probably that which stood near the present residence of Mr. John Kline. Deacon Joel Hotchkiss was chosen moderator, and James Sherman, clerk, who was sworn by Samuel Sherman, Esq.

A society's committee was then chosen, viz: Timothy Peck, John White, Isaac Beecher, Daniel Tolles and Joel Hotchkiss.

It was voted that meetings shall begin on the second Sabbath in December and hold until the last in April. A rate, or tax, was laid at a penny half-penny on the pound, for defraying the charges of preaching for the year ensuing. Gershom Thomas was chosen collector. This meeting is described in the records as a lawful society meeting of the inhabitants of Bethany in New Haven and Milford. It is to be presumed that public worship was instituted in accordance with the vote, but where it was held and who officiated as the preacher, are not known.

At a society meeting held in March, 1763, it was voted that meetings shall begin in this place on the second Sabbath in November next, and at a meeting in April, Deacon Joel Hotchkiss and Mr. Timothy Peck were appointed a committee to apply unto the Reverend Association, at their next convention

for their advice to a candidate to preach in said society upon probation, in order to settle among them.

The association held its meeting at Waterbury, May 31, and the minute on this subject, as recorded by Rev. Warham Williams, contains these words: "We, having maturely considered the matter, unanimously advise said society to Mr. Stephen Hawley, as a suitable person, highly approving of him for that purpose."

In June, Mr. Isaac Beecher and Mr. Samuel Downs were appointed "to apply unto Mr. Hawley" and it was voted "that the time of probation shall be for the space of three months."

In August, the society invited Mr. Hawley to become the pastor, offering him "two hundred pounds settlement, and proposing to give him fifty-five pounds salary the first year and then rise with the list to seventy pounds a year, and there stop." Mr. Hawley's reply was dated Bethany, Sept. 12, 1763.

At a society meeting in September, it was voted that the ordination take place on the second Wednesday in October, and that on the first Wednesday a fast preparatory to the ordination should be observed. It was also resolved "to apply unto the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, of Amity, the Rev. Mr. Trumbull, of North Haven, and the Rev. Mr. Waterman, of Wallingford, to attend the above said fast."

At the same meeting, it was voted that Deacon Joel Hotchkiss, Mr. Daniel Tolles, Mr. Timothy Ball, Mr. Samuel Biscoe and Mr. John White, be a committee "to apply unto the Rev. Moderator of the Consociation of New Haven county, in order to settle the Church of Christ in Bethany, according unto the established ecclesiastical constitution of this colony, and to transact all the affairs of the society that are necessary in carrying on said ordination."

The tradition is that the ordination services were performed in the open air, in a field near the fork of the roads

below the residence of Mrs. Mary Bradley. It is believed that there was in that field a small rude building which was used as a house of worship, until the church edifice was erected, six years after the ordination of Mr. Hawley. The society meetings were always held in the school house, during these six years. In December, 1763, it was voted "that the society's committee take care and provide some person to sweep the school house and take care of the door." This provision we should hardly expect for society meetings alone, and it might be inferred that the school house was the place of worship. But in 1767, it was voted "that Mr. Timothy Peck, Mr. Daniel Tolles, Mr. Ebenezer Bishop, Mr. John Perkins and Mr. Samuel Biscoe sit on the fore seat." This vote seems hardly applicable to a school house. Besides in Mr. Hawley's New Year's discourse for 1769, it is said of those who died during the year—"their places are empty in this house of God." From this language we should infer that they then worshipped in an edifice set apart for that purpose.

The ordination sermon was delivered by that eminent Divine, Dr. Bellamy, of Bethlehem, from I Corinthians 11, 2. Mr. Hawley was a native of New Milford and was graduated at Yale college in 1759, in the same class with Dr. Trumbull, of North Haven. At the time of his ordination, he was 26 years of age. It is probable that he studied theology with Dr. Bellamy. Before coming to Bethany he had resided for a time in Stratford, where his eldest child was born.

Three years after Mr. Hawley's ordination, i. e., in November, 1766, the society adopted a resolution, "that it is necessary for us to build a meeting-house." A committee was appointed to apply to the county court to fix the place. Difficulties seem to have arisen; a second application to the court was made in 1768, a third in

1769; and at length in May, 1769, it was voted "that we are willing to build a meeting house at the last stake set by the Honorable County Court's Committee." On this question there were 29 in the affirmative and 10 in the negative. A committee, consisting of Isaac Beecher, "Ensign" Clark, and Israel Thomas, were appointed to purchase the land from Isaac Hotchkiss.

The edifice was erected in the latter part of 1769, on the summit of the hill south of the churches now standing, near the present residence of Mr. Edward Buckingham. In December of that year, a committee was appointed "to seat the three first seats in the meeting house."

During this period of delay, the society passed some votes which amuse us at this day. In December, 1767, it was voted "that we will provide the boards, clapboards, shingles, nails and glass, necessary for building a meeting house the year ensuing." A tax was laid and it was decided that one-half might be paid in "flax seed, or some other species that will answer in New York." The society fixed the price to be paid for different kinds of lumber. The building was to be fifty-five feet long and forty feet wide.

In December, 1768, a vote was passed "that we get the timber this winter and set up the meeting house as fast as we can." It was ordered "that those that score timber for the meeting house shall have two shillings sixpence per day; and those that hew shall have three shillings and sixpence per day." Deacon White and Deacon Hotchkiss were appointed "to cull the clapboards and shingles for the meeting house."

In March, 1769, it was voted "that this Society give free liberty for a belfry to be built on the meeting house," but this liberty was not then used.

In January, 1770, the Society meeting was held for the first time, in the meeting house. When edifice was

dedicated is not known.

It was customary to appoint particular persons "to tune the psalm." In 1765, the choristers were Valentine Wilmot, Benajah Peck, and Stephen Sanford. In 1770, on entering the new church, a larger number received this appointment, viz: Isaac Baldwin, Joel Hotchkiss, Thomas Beecher, Anav Ives, Lazarus Tolles, Timothy Lounsbury, Nathaniel Tuttle, and Nehemiah Tolles. At this time it was voted that the choristers sit together near the foot of the pulpit stairs.

The sacred edifice was still what we should esteem uncomfortable. In 1771 a committee was appointed "to give liberty to people to build pews in the meeting house where they see cause"

In 1773 a tax was laid to color the meeting house, and ease the windows, and to provide boards for the inside of the house.

In 1774 a vote was passed "that the meeting house be colored blue, and the windows white," but soon a special meeting was called and it was decided to color it white.

In December, 1776, it was voted "to finish the lower part of the meeting-house, and in front of the galleries."

In 1777 Nathaniel Tuttle, Isaac Baldwin, Daniel Tolles and Joel Hine were chosen "to tune the psalm, and sit in the fore seat in the front gallery."

In 1778 it was voted "that the Society shall pay Mr. Hawley's salary in provisions, labor and other species, according to the first stating of provision by the General Assembly—wheat at six shillings, and other things in proportion; and those that do not pay in the aforesaid species of provision, &c., shall pay money equivalent."

At the same meeting a committee was appointed to seat the meeting-house, viz.: Deacon Peck, Capt. Ball and Ensign Jacob Hotchkiss; and it was ordered that "the committee shall have regard to age, and what each one has paid to the building of the said

house, and according to their discretion with all."

In December, 1779, a vote was passed "that the Committee shall lay out the over-plus money of finishing the meeting-house, on the steps and other ways as they think best."

Thus at the end of ten years from its raising, the house seems to have been considered as in a manner finished. In 1791 the Society voted "to take up three seats in the square body and to build pews on each side of the broad alley." In 1792 it was resolved, "That the Society may build a steeple to the meeting house, if they can get money enough signed to build said steeple." But the steeple and bell were not added until 1803.

Going back in the history we find in 1783 a committee appointed "to assist the church of England committee to find a place for them to set a church on."

In 1779 the society began "to confer with Amity about being made a town." This subject was one of much discussion and negotiations, and of some strife in regard to a place for a town house. The town was set off in 1781 and named Woodbridge, in honor of the first minister of Amity. The separation of Bethany as a town began to be agitated in 1803; but was not accomplished until 1832.

Other names of those who acted in society business before 1800, are (placing them in order of time), Jesse Bradley, William Wooding, Deacon Isaac Johnson, Josiah Lounsbury, Deacon Peter Perkins, John Lines, Timothy Hitchcock, Ephraim Turner, Abraham Carrington, Ezra Sperry, Daniel Beecher, Jonathan Andrew, Reuben Sperry, Amos Hitchcock, Jonathan Tuttle, Deacon James Wheeler, Jacob Hotchkiss, Jared Sherman, Edward Perkins, Jesse Beecher, David French, Raymond Sanford, David Thomas, Lamberton Tolles, Roger Peck, John Russell, Medad Hotchkiss, John

Thomas, Hezekiah Thomas, Caleb Andrews, Elihu Sanford, Jr., Reuben Perkins, Hezekiah Johnson, Lucas Lines, Jared Tolles, John Wooding, Darius Beecher, Deacon Hezekiah Beecher, Jared Beecher.

Two men are still living who were members of the Ecclesiastical society in Mr. Hawley's time—Eden Johnson and Joel Andrews.

Mr. Hawley became so infirm at about 60 as to be unable to preach constantly, especially in the winter months. But he continued to officiate more or less until 1803, the year before his death. Some now living remember him as a trembling old man, with white locks. He was often led to the church, and assisted into the pulpit; and was sometimes able to deliver only a part of his discourse. It is remembered that on one occasion he fell in the pulpit, and was carried home. He was tall and very spare; and his appearance made a deep impression on the young.

In the Connecticut Journal, (New Haven), of July 26th, 1804, the following obituary notice of Mr. Hawley appeared:—

Woodbridge, July 23.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 17th inst. after a long and tedious illness, departed this life in hope of a blessed immortality, the Rev. Stephen Hawley, Senior Pastor of the church in Bethany, in Woodbridge, in the 67th year of his age.

This worthy and good man, after having received a liberal education in Yale college, where he was graduated in 1759, was afterwards settled in the ministry at Bethany. There he labored, to good acceptance, for a number of years, until by the Providence of God he was disabled from his work. The Rev Mr. Jones was, in June last, ordained a colleague pastor with him.

The funeral was attended on Thursday last. The corpse was borne to the meeting house by a number of respect-

able citizens. A solemn and well adapted sermon was delivered before a deeply affected audience by the Rev. John Foote, of Cheshire, from Job XIV-4—"If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." After Divine service, the interment was performed with decency and solemnity.

Such was this Christian minister. He was very useful to his people during his ministry and was sincerely beloved by his flock, who in his visitations, as well as in his ministrations in the sanctuary, "he held his face as it had been the face of an angel; for he was conversant among them with gravity, prudence, modesty, humility, candor, wisdom and benevolence."

Mr. Hawley's first wife was Mary Bellamy, of Hamden. She had three children. The second wife was Metehable Hotchkiss, daughter of Deacon Joel Hotchkiss. She removed to New Haven in 1806, with her three children, and resided there until her death in 1827.

Two of Mr. Hawley's New Year sermons were printed—those of 1769 and 1771. They give the reader a most favorable impression in regard to his activity of intellect, and his solemnity and earnestness as a preacher. They are certainly the productions of a man above mediocrity. They show that he himself was deeply serious, and that he possessed uncommon ability to set forth his thoughts in an impressive manner. There is a remarkable vividness of style, and even something of imaginative brilliancy; but all is deeply solemn. The statements of evangelical truth are clear and Scriptural; and the appeals to the hearers are forcible and affecting.

A few months before his death Mr. Hawley selected out some of his sermons for the use of his family, and the widow was in the habit of read-

ing them to her children. The remainder, written chiefly in shorthand, (as in part were those which were preserved), he destroyed. His penmanship when he wrote with care, was beautiful.

It is gratifying to have, in the two printed sermons, so strong a portraiture of Mr. Hawley's mind and heart—glimpses of the preacher as he was, in thought, feeling, and expression. Thus he "being dead, yet speaketh."

CHRONOLOGICAL DATA.

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| <p>1750—First place of public worship erected. Used also for a schoolhouse and always so mentioned in the records.</p> <p>1755—Winter parish privileges granted by the General Assembly.</p> <p>1762—Bethany incorporated an ecclesiastical and civil society similar to other parishes in Connecticut.</p> <p>1763, Oct. 12—The Church of Christ organized and the Rev. Stephen Hawley ordained and installed first pastor.</p> <p>1769-1773—The meetinghouse erected.</p> <p>1781—Pown privileges granted to the parishes of Amity and Bethany.</p> <p>1803—Steeple and bell added to the meetinghouse.</p> <p>1804, June 6—The Rev. Isaac Jones ordained and installed second pastor of the church.</p> <p>1804, July 17—Death of the Rev. Stephen Hawley.</p> <p>1806—Trial and deposition of the Rev. Isaac Jones.</p> <p>1808—Close of a controversy which resulted in the withdrawal of sixtyone members.</p> <p>1809—The endowment fund increased by subscription.</p> <p>1810, August 22—The Rev. Nathaniel G. Huntington ordained and installed third pastor of the church.</p> <p>1823—Dismission of the Rev. Mr. Huntington on account of ill health.</p> <p>1826—Court decision obtained that church funds should be exempt from taxation in Connecticut.</p> | <p>1829, Jan. 17—General Conference convened in this parish which resulted in the addition of thirtytwo members to the church.</p> <p>1831, Oct. 13—Dedication of present house of worship.</p> <p>1832—Incorporation of the town of Bethany with the same geographical limits as the parish.</p> <p>1832—The Rev. Jarius Wilcox installed pastor.</p> <p>1831—Installation of the Rev. John B. Kendall.</p> <p>1851—Old parsonage sold and the house opposite present house of worship purchased.</p> <p>1855—Installation of the Rev. E. W. Robinson as pastor.</p> <p>1863, Oct. 12—Celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the church. Erection of monument at the grave of the Rev. Stephen Hawley.</p> <p>1866—Meetinghouse extensively repaired and altered by lowering galleries, removing pews and enclosing porch.</p> <p>1876, April 5—Ordination and installation of the Rev. W. S. Woodruff who was dismissed two years later.</p> <p>1890—Death of Deacon Clark Hotchkiss who served the church in this capacity sixtytwo years.</p> <p>1897 Nov. 3—Ordination of the Rev. Chas. S. MacFarland.</p> <p>1903—Church edifice repaired.</p> <p>1913—One hundred fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church.</p> |
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THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

In all the New England settlements the first public organization was the church. The first public building was the meeting house. The first public officer provided for was the minister. As an old writer says: "In the first settlement of New England, when the people judged their number competent to obtain a minister, they then severally seated themselves, but not before, it being as unnatural for a New England man to live without a minister as for a smith to work his force without a fire."

The first minister of the Church of Christ in Bethany was the Rev. Stephen Hawley. His pastorate was the largest in the history of the church, and worthy perhaps of the most extended notice, but a good sketch of Mr. Hawley's life, written fifty years ago by the Rev. S. C. Brace, having appeared in a recent issue of the Record, is it considered advisable to omit in this article.

Rev. Isaac Jones, son of Isaac Jones, was born in New Haven Feb. 16, 1775, and graduated from Yale college in 1792. He came to Bethany to preach June, 1803. Jan. 26, 1804, the society voted to call Mr. Jones. Daniel Tolles, Col. Joel Hine and John Thomas were appointed a committee "for that purpose." Mr. Jones' license had expired and had not been renewed. He brought a paper from certain ministers in Georgia. An advisory council was called April 17, 1804; but contrary to their advice, the consociation was invited to ordain him without a renewal of license.

Mr. Jones made the following reply to the call:

"To the Church and Congregation of Bethany in Woodbridge.

"Gentlemen—I have officially received from you a paper containing

your desire, as expressed in a vote, that I should engage to settle with you in the important work of the evangelical ministry, for which you will be pleased to accept my sincere gratitude.

"The object for which you have called me is certainly noble and important; it is of immense magnitude, both as it respects yourselves, and the rising generation among you; and it may be observed that the societies are doubtless at liberty to make choice of a minister, whose example they would make the pattern of their morals, and whose powers they judge will be the most persuasive to righteousness. The minister whom you have therefore chosen, is to be your spiritual teacher in holy things, to preach the word, to be instant, in season and out of season, to reprove, rebuke and exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine.

"I have considered my inability without the strength of the Divine Immanuel; and although I have been sustained through some trials uncommon to the morning of ministerial life, by a very kind and blessed Providence, yet my ardor and delight in the sacred ministry is not lessened.

"I have therefore considered your vote with that attention that it merited; and accordingly I do now signify my acceptance of your call to the work of the gospel ministry.

"I am, with gratitude and esteem, yours,

"ISAAC JONES, Jun'r.

"Woodbridge, Feb. 24, 1804."

April 18, 1804, the Ecclesiastical society voted—"To concur with a vote passed by the church to call the Western consociation to ordain Mr. Jones."

"Voted—The 6th day of June next, at 11 o'clock, be the time for ordina-

tion, and the council meet the day before at 10 o'clock in the forenoon."

The Consociation met at the house of Rev. Stephen Hawley, June 5 1804. Dr. Benjamin Trumbull, of North Haven, moderator, and Rev. Ira Hart, of Middlebury, scribe. Rev. Mr. Hawley expressed a desire that the consociation would proceed to ordain Mr. Jones. The council held in April had declared—"That to admit the license which Mr. Jones received from certain ministers in Georgia would be to relinquish very necessary and useful regulations and stipulations, and that it is unhappy that the church and society proceeded to improve and make choice of Mr. Jones, and that he accepted their choice, when the recommendation of the association which introduced him as a candidate for the ministry had expired and was not renewed." The consociation, quoting these words, concurred in this declaration, but in consideration of concessions made by Mr. Jones to the council in April, and promises to abide by the usages and order of the Consociation—signed by him—and in order to adjust matters peaceably, the Consociation voted to ordain Mr. Jones; but adding the solemn protest against all such irregularities.

The appointments for the religious service were:

Rev. Daniel Bronson,.....	
.....	Introductory Prayer
Rev. James Dana, D. D.....	
.....	Ordination Sermon
Rev. Benj. Trumbull, D. D.....	
.....	Consecrating Prayer
Rev. Messrs Williston, Trumbull, Al- ling, Smith.....	To Impose Hands
Rev. Noah Williston.....	Charge
Rev. Abraham Alling.....	
.....	Right Hand of Fellowship
Rev. Bezalell Pinneo.....	
.....	Concluding Prayer

The sermon delivered by Mr. Jones on the Sabbath after his ordination, as his inaugural sermon, was printed. A num-

ber of copies of this sermon are still to be found in Bethany homes.

At a church meeting holden on the 16th day of October, 1806:

"Voted—That Isaac Jones, Jr., be the clerk, pro tempore. This church taking into consideration their peculiar situation as a Consociated church, occasioned by the extraordinary and unprecedented proceedings of the association now in session on certain charges exhibited by Mr. Timothy Hitchcock (through the procurement of Mr. Medad Hotchkiss, who is not a church member,) against the Rev. Isaac Jones, pastor of this church; and, for the reasons this day detailed by our worthy pastor, in his remonstrance to be handed in to said association, as well as for others reasons;

"Voted—That this church do now withdraw from all connection with the Consociated churches in the Western district in New Haven county, and do hereby declare and make it known that in future this church will be and remain an independent church. Passed in church meeting unanimously, (thirteen members present.)"

Attest: Isaac Jones, Jr., Moderator and Clerk pro tem.

There were present at the Consociation, November 18, Benjamin Trumbull, D. D., and Rev. Messrs. Abner Smith, Oliver Hitchcock, Bezalell Pinneo, Abraham Alling, Holland Weeks, Ira Hart, John Hyde and delegates. Rev. Dr. Trumbull retired from the Consociation.

In regard to the whole result of the association, the Consociation, on review, ratified and established it. It pronounced a sentence of exclusion from all ministerial and Christian fellowship upon Mr. Jones and declared that he had no longer authority from the Consociation to preach or administer the gospel ordinances.

A communication was sent to Mr. Jones by the Consociation, containing a statement of their doings. This Mr.

Jones refused to accept, declaring that he would receive no communication from this body. Advice being asked: "The Consociation advise the church that in case Mr. Jones and the seceding brethren propose in a constitutional way to call the Eastern Consociation in New Haven, to sit with this body and hear the allegations against Mr. Jones, they consent to the same." April 21, 1807. The two Consociations met, and were in session three days. It was decided that Mr. Jones might be restored on making suitable confession. A confession was prepared and Mr. Jones publicly assented thereto. But November 3, 1807 the New Haven West Consociation assembled at Woodbridge, declared that Mr. Jones had not complied with the advice of the united Consociations and was pursuing a course subversive of ecclesiastical order; and therefore that the decision of November, 1806, was in full force, and Mr. Jones was without ministerial authority. His farewell sermon was preached in the hall of the Wheeler house, December 11, 1808. His text was from Jeremiah 12:10-11: "Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, etc." The address was printed. Mr. Jones became an Episcopalian with many of his congregation. On November 6, 1809, the newly formed Episcopal society voted Isaac Jones "a person worthy and well qualified for the gospel ministry." He was admitted as a candidate for orders, later becoming a deacon and a priest, in regular succession. He was the first rector of Christ church and remained here for about two years. He was stationed in Litchfield, 1811-1826; in Huntington, 1831-1834; Hitchcockville, 1837-1839; Bethany, 1841-1842; Milton, 1845-1847, and then for years chaplain in the Litchfield county prison. He died in Litchfield, March 17, 1850. He had a son and a daughter. The son died a year after the father, the daughter the next year and the mother the next.

Rev. Nathaniel Gilbert Huntington, son of Deacon Josiah and Abigail (Gilbert) Huntington, was born in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, Oct. 30, 1785. He was fitted for college under Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins of West Hartford. He was graduated from Yale College 1806. June 6, 1809 the Hartford North Association licensed him to preach and he came to Bethany, the following October. June 6, 1810 the Ecclesiastical society voted. This meeting does concur with the vote of the church in this place this day to give Mr. Nathaniel G. Huntington a call to settle with us in the work of the "Gospel Ministry." The consociation met at the house of Elihu Sanford Aug. 21, 1810; and the ordination took place on the following day:

SERVICES.

Rev. Caleb Pitkin
 Introductory Prayer
 Rev. Nathan Perkins, D. D. ..Sermon
 Rev. Benj. Trumbull, D. D.
 Consecrating Prayer
 Trumbull, Smith and Pinneo
 Impose hands
 Rev. B. Pinneo Charge
 Rev. Jason AllenRight hand
 Rev. Abraham Alling
 Concluding Prayer

There were fifteen ministers present at the ordination of Mr. Huntington.

About two years after his ordination Mr. H. had a hemorrhage—he took a year's rest. During the remaining years of his pastorate his health was poor. The state of his health is indicated by a number of communications which he made to the society, and it became worse as the years went on so that he asked to be dismissed. His dismission occurred in March 1823. He remained in Bethany, then removed to Oxford, where he was a farmer fourteen years, supplying the pulpit sometimes at Salem (Naugatuck); and he

preached three or four Sabbaths in Oxford. His health became worse and he removed to Orange, lived nine years there in tolerable health, and died Feb. 10, 1848. His wife was Betsey Tucker, of Bethany, a native of Derby, whom he married in 1821. Her father was Zepheniah Tucker. She was the mother of four children. Mr. Huntington issued two geographies published in Hartford. He wrote for the Christian Spectator.

After Mr. Huntington's dismissal the pulpit was supplied, for four years, chiefly by Rev. Abraham Alling of Hamden. From March 1826 to March 1827, Rev. Samuel Tillotson Babbitt preached half the time, alternating with Mr. A. Abraham Alling was born in Stamford, Dutchess county, N. Y. He came to Hamden and at 16 or 18 joined the North Church in New Haven. He became a farmer. At 44 he was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Whitneyville (Oct. 19, 1797-Oct. 22, 1822.) After the close of his pastorate there he became acting pastor of the church in Bethany. He died on his farm in Hamden July 22, 1837. Aged 83. Samuel Tillotson Babbitt, born in Huntington Mar. 30, 1800, was graduated from the Yale Theological Seminary in the class of 1826. He was ordained at New Haven, Nov. 7, 1827. He preached in the new settlements of Western New York for nearly thirty years. Mr. Babbitt never had a pastoral charge.

Rev. Ephraim G. Swift preached here from Jan. 1828 to Jan. 1831. He was the son of the Rev. Seth Swift of Williamstown, Mass. He had been a colleague with Dr. West, in Stockbridge, Mass., and had preached in Oxford. He was in Killingworth 1843-50; afterwards at Chester. He died while on a visit in the state of New York, Aug. 28, 1858.

In 1830 S. C. Baldwin and Geo.

Goodyear preached here.

The Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, D. D., of Yale supplied the pulpit much in 1831, 1832. He preached the dedication sermon of the present house of worship, Oct. 13, 1831. There were several other ministers present on the same occasion. Dr. Taylor died Mar. 12, 1858.

Ja'rus Wilcox was born in Cromwell, Conn. (Upper Middletown) Mar. 8, 1802. He studied for a time at Bangor Theological Seminary and then at Yale Theological Seminary (two years) class of 1830. The consecration met at the house of Lewis Thomas (Wheeler house) Nov. 6. Present Rev Stephen W. Stebbins, Zephaniah Zwi't, Leonard Bacon, Chas. Thompson, Abraham Browne, Jason Atwater. Corresponding members, E. T. Fitch, D. D., J. B. Richardson, Henry Herrick

Introductory Prayer ... C Thompson
Sermon E. T. Fitch, D. D.
Ordaining prayer ... S. W. Stebbins
Swift and Stebbins ... Impose hands
Charge ... Swift
Right hand Browne
Address to people Atwater
Concluding prayer Herrick

1834, June 17, Consociation met to dismiss Rev. J. Wilcox, who was dismissed with testimony to his ability and fruitfulness.

1834, July 23, Rev. John B. Kendall was called by this church and society and installed Aug. 12, 13, 1834. He was dismissed June 7, 1836.

From 1836 to 1840 the pulp't was supplied by many different preachers. Rev. Erastus Colton came in 1836 and was succeeded by Rev. I. D. Moore. In 1838 Rev. William H. Adams, Rev. Josiah Abbott and Rev. Geo. Taylor supplied. In 1839 Rev. Eli B. Clark, Rev. Irvin, and Rev. J. Curtiss.

In March 1840 Rev. Saul Clark was hired and remained until March, 1842. He came to Bethany from South Egremont, Mass. While here

he taught a high school in addition to his pastoral duties.

In 1842 the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Cyrus Brewster, Rev. Geo Thatcher and others.

The services of Rev. Daniel B. Butts were engaged in May 1843. Mr. Butts was born in Rome, N. Y. During the years he lived in Bethany he occupied the Congregational parsonage, which stood on the cross-road west of Chas. Booth's. After it was sold, the house was known as the Parson Butts place. It was burned several years ago. Two of Rev. Mr. Butts' children were baptized in Bethany, Eugene and Edwin. Eugene died Jan. 24, 1846, and is buried in the Congregational cemetery. Mr. Butts remained in Bethany five years, until 1848.

Rev. W. W. Belden preached here in 1848 and was invited to settle as pastor, but declined. In 1848 Rev. Augustus Smith, and Rev. Ira H. Smith were supplies.

Rev. Fosdick Harrison was engaged in March, 1849, and remained until December 1851.

He began to preach in Bethany on the second Sabbath in March 1849. He lived while in Bethany in the Lycias Beecher house, now occupied by Mr. Murphy.

While in Bethany, he officiated at the funeral of George Peck, who was the first one buried in the Methodist cemetery. Mr. Harrison was the author of the interesting epitaph which Peck's gravestone bears.

The Rev. Fosdick Harrison, who is pastor of the Southington Congregational church is a grandson of the Bethany minister.

In December, 1851, Rev. Alexander Leadbetter was hired as supply, and remained until Sept. 1854.

Rev. Ebenezer W. Robinson came from Hanover, Conn., (a village in the town of Sprague,) October, 1854, and was installed Pastor May 2, 1855. The services were as follows:

Prayer and Reading of Scriptures,...

.....Rev. C. S. Sherman

SermonRev. Mr. Hazen

Installing Prayer.....Rev. S. Topliff

Charge Rev. Cleaveland

Right Hand..... Rev. Putnam

Address to the People.....Rev. Beebe

Concluding PrayerRev. Thayer

Rev. Mr. Robinson lived in the parsonage which the society had purchased in 1851, where Mrs. Celia Perry now lives. He was dismissed August 15, 1860, but continued to reside in Bethany until about 1865, when he was dismissed by letter to the Congregational church in Washington, D. C. In 1863 he was one of the speakers at the Centennial.

Rev. Seth C. Brace, son of the famous Rev. Joab Brace, was ordained and installed pastor of this church June 26, 1861. The services were as follows:

Prayer and Reading of Scripture....

.....Rev. W. W. Atwater

Sermon.....Rev. John Todd, D.D.

Ordaining and installing prayer.....

.....Rev. E. L. Cleaveland, D.D.

Charge.....Rev. Jonathan Brace, D.D.

Right Hand.....Rev. Austin Putnam

Concluding Prayer.....

.....Rev. A. C. Raymond

A few of the older members of the church remember Mr. Brace.

He prepared a historical address for the Centennial celebration, and after that event collected a large amount of matter which has never been published. Much of the data in this article is obtained from this source. Mr. Brace resigned the pastoral charge April 17, 1864. In his communication to the society, he wrote: "I wish to be considered as making this proposition not only without complaint, but with grateful acknowledgement of your forbearance and kindness, and most earnest wishes for the prosperity of this church and society." The consociation assembled May 18th and resolved: "That in assenting to the dismissal of Rev. S. C. Brace, from the pastoral charge of

the church in Bethany, this council desires to express its high estimate of the Christian and ministerial character of the retiring "pastor of his fidelity and zeal in discharging the duties of his pastorate * * * and of his scholarly and ministerial ability." He lived in New Haven until 1871 and after that date in Philadelphia until his death, January 25, 1897, aged 85.

Rev. D. M. C. Elwood, M.D., of Woodbridge, was the acting pastor of the church for a number of years, until 1867. We regret that we have few facts in regard to Mr. Elwood.

S. W. Barnum was stated supply in 1869 and 1870.

The church voted December 12, 1875, to extend a call to Rev. William Louis Woodruff. He was ordained and installed pastor of the church April 5, 1876. He lived in the house nearly opposite the church, which had formerly been the parsonage. He conducted a school for boys which became popular. Perry's hall was built for the gymnasium for his academy and after the school was closed it was called Gymnasium hall for many years. Mr. Woodruff was a man of great intellectual ability. He presented, December 12, 1876, his resignation, to take effect in three months as previously agreed, and June 9, 1871 the church voted to unite with Mr. Woodruff in calling a council for his dismissal. The council failed to convene. Another invitation was extended and a council, consisting of ministers and delegates from neighboring churches, convened and the pastoral relation was dissolved July 7, 1878.

Mr. Woodruff went from Bethany to Hamden and was master of the Everest school, in Centerville, for a time.

Since Mr. Woodruff's time the pulpit has been supplied by ministers studying at the Yale Divinity school. The high reputation of Yale attracts many ordained ministers, who have graduated from some other theological seminary, but who desire to obtain a de-

gree from Yale. Thus the church has been able often to secure men of marked ability who have maintained a higher standard of preaching than would have been the case if a resident minister had been maintained with the salary which this church can offer. On the whole this has been the most satisfactory plan, circumstances considered, although the system has its serious drawbacks. The chief of these, non-residence of the minister, has been partly offset by the fact that many of the ministers have spent the long summer vacation in Bethany.

George Boothwell supplied the pulpit from March, 1880, to March, 1881.

William G. Roberts, March 20, 1881, to March 20, 1882.

J. C. Mitchell was acting pastor from March, 1882, to March, 1884.

C. B. Whitcomb, April, 1886, to April, 1887.

R. J. Thomson, May, 1892, to December, 1892.

J. O. Jones, March, 1893, to October, 1894.

J. Deane, November, 1894.

H. W. Johnson, September, 1895, to September, 1896. Mr. Johnson wrote a history of the church which was printed in the Seymour Record. He was eventually ordained to the Congregational ministry, which was not the denomination to which he had previously adhered.

Rev. Charles F. MacFarland began his work in Bethany in October, 1896. He expressed a desire to be ordained here, and a council was called for that purpose, which met on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1897. The order of service was:

Invocation, Rev. Frederick Lynch.

Anthem, Choir.

Reading of Scripture, Rev. B. M. Wright.

Hymn 339, Congregation.

Sermon, Rev. Professor L. O. Bras-tow.

Prayer of ordination, Rev. Professor E. L. Curtiss.

Anthem, Choir.

Charge to the candidate, Rev. Professor G. B. Stevens.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. John C. Wilson.

Hymn, 1,019, Congregation.

Prayer, Rev. S. P. Marvin.

Benediction.

Rev. C. F. MacFarland was the seventh minister to be ordained by this church. He remained in Bethany until 1899. In the summer of 1898 he was in Europe and during his absence the pulpit was supplied by E. G. Zellars, of Yale. Mr. MacFarland has risen high in the ministerial ranks; is the author of many religious books, and is at the present time executive secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He lives in New York city.

Rev. Philip J. Phelps preached here during 1899. He now resides at Bakersfield, Cal., without pastoral charge. He was ordained in 1901.

The church was closed for about a year, being reopened Nov. 1, 1901, with Rev. Shirley J. Case for its minister. Mr. Case was an interesting speaker. He remained here until December, 1903, when he received a call to the United church, Beacon Falls.

In December, 1903, Rev. J. F. Johnston, M. A. (Yale) Ph. D. began to preach in Bethany. He went from Bethany to Seymour Congregational church in June, 1904.

Rev. van Lubken preached here from June, 1904, until June, 1905.

Rev. Otto W. Burtner, ordained in 1901, began here in June, 1905. Mr. Burtner, as well as several succeeding ministers, officiated at the Methodist church, Bethany, in the afternoon. He was called to the First Congregational church of Ansonia in September, 1906, where he is still pastor.

Rev. Dr. Roop officiated here for a few months following, from Septem-

ber to December, 1906.

In December, 1906, Rev. G. Douglass Milbury, of New Brunswick, Canada, began his labors in this church. Five members were added during his ministrations. He took a great interest in the people of the community and succeeded in increasing the size of his congregations. He also preached at the Methodist church. Upon finishing his course in the Yale Divinity school he returned to New Brunswick, in June, 1908, preaching his farewell sermon here on the 14th.

Rev. Elmer Edwin Burtner, brother of the Rev. Otto W. Burtner, preached here beginning June 21, 1908. His home was in Hinton, Virginia. He was a very popular young minister, and the church regretted to have him leave, in January, 1909, for the First Congregational church Derby, where he was ordained Oct. 12, 1909.

It seems a noteworthy fact that from Bethany ministers have accepted calls to Beacon Falls, Seymour, Ansonia and Derby, in regular order. Mr. Burtner remained in Derby to 1910, accepting at that date a call to the First Congregational church of Missoula, Montana.

Rev. Herman Henry Lindeman, of Nebraska, supplied the pulpit from January, 1909, to May 22, 1910, a longer period than most of the recent ministers have spent here. He was ordained in 1910, and the same year became pastor of the church at Red Lodge, Montana.

Rev. Howard Grant Parsons gave his first sermon in Bethany, May 23, 1912. He gained the respect and esteem of the people of Bethany. His last Sunday here was Dec. 18th, 1910.

The next minister was Paul L. Kirby, who remained here until June, 1911, then, after finishing his course in the Divinity school, he accepted a pastorate in Maine.

Rev. Homer L. Scott came next and preached during the summer. His

home is in Concord, N. C. Rev. Everett E. Bachelder, of Pittsfield, N. H., a graduate of Dartmouth college, was here from Sept., 1911, to June 2, 1912. The Sunday school was re-organized while he was the minister. He accepted a call to the church at Stan-
wich, Conn., where he was ordained Oct. 5, 1912.

Rev. James W. Newton, of London, England, began his ministerial labors in Bethany in June, 1912, and continued to officiate here until May, 1913.

He took a very keen interest in the affairs of the church and sought in every way to promote its interests. He now has charge of a church in North Madison.

The present minister is Rev. John W. Wright, of Pylesville, Md. He graduated from the Western Maryland college in 1911. Mr. Wright's sermons are preached without reference to notes and they are so helpful and instructive that he holds the close attention of his audience.



THE HOADLEY FALLS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

A most important phase of the history of a church is its membership. The members indeed, make the history. They represent the highest and best type of society in the community in which they live and they set a standard for morality. If some fall short of high ideals and, in the words of a member of long ago, have thereby "wounded the cause of Christ and the brethren and sisters of this branch of His church," it is not just for us to condemn the whole church for the sins of a few.

That the names of those who, during the last hundred and fifty years have

been connected with the First Church of Christ, in Bethany, may be made accessible and convenient for reference, the following list has been prepared:

There is now no record of members of the church from its organization until 1814, a period of just about fifty years, although the early records are complete in most other respects. Rev. Seth Brace stated fifty years ago that the earliest lists were lost, and it seems improbable that they will ever be recovered. To overcome this deficiency the names of those who labored in the cause of Christ during the long and prosperous ministry of the Rev. Stephen

Hawley, have been compiled in alphabetical order. The list contains the names of all who worshipped in his congregation before 1800, as far as the records show. Here again we find unfortunately that the names of few women have been preserved. Most of the persons mentioned were probably communicants. All were inhabitants of Bethany before 1800, and many of them were the first settlers. A few of the first comers had died before the incorporation of the parish.

Alling, Lemuel.

Alling, Noah.

Andrew, Jonathan, the son of Jonathan 4, Rev. Samuel 3, Samuel, 2, William 1, lived in the "Milford Side" of the parish.

Andrew, William, son of Jonathan above, married, first, Esther Marchant; second, Margaret Merwin. He was baptized June, 1734, and died August 28, 1796.

Andrews or Andrus, Caleb, was early appointed to dig graves.

Andrews, Ebenezer.

Andrews, Widow Sarah.

Atwater, Amos, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Beach) Atwater, married Hannah Ives, of Cheshire.

Atwater, David, son of Jonathan and Sarah Atwater, lived near the Anan Atwater house, (now occupied by D. L. Humlston.) He was the father of Anan Atwater.

Atwater, Jesse, brother of David Atwater.

Atwater, Jonathan, a descendant of David Atwater, the first settler, lived on the corner south of the Smith school. He married Sarah Beach. He died February 24, 1795, aged 75.

Atwater, Moses, son of Jonathan above.

Baldwin, Isaac.

Baldwin, Matthew.

Ball, Timothy, died June 7, 1786, aged 78. His son Timothy, moved to Waterbury about 1815. Descendants live in Oakville.

Ball, Widow Mary.

Barnes, Jacob.

Beecher, Beri, son of Deacon Hezekiah Beecher, married Polly, daughter of Isaac Downs. He lived where Wallace Saxton now lives. One of his sons was Beri, Jr.

Beecher, Calvin, lived on the Krell farm. He died May 11, 1806, aged 35 and his widow married a Kimberly.

Beecher, Daniel Lieut., died November 5, 1796, aged 67.

Beecher, Darius, was a man of wealth. He built the fine house later occupied by Lewis Thomas and Orrin Wheeler. He moved to the West and lost his fortune, it is said.

Beecher, Widow Hannah, probably the widow of Samuel Beecher, who died in 1760.

Beecher, Deacon Hezekiah, the son of Isaac and Mabel (Hotchkiss) Beecher, was born April 6, 1738.

Beecher, Isaac, son of Samuel and Hannah Beecher, was born in 1717. He died October 28, 1801. Married Mabel Hotchkiss, who died February 19, 1798, aged 79. Samuel Beecher, his father, was a son of Isaac 3, Isaac 2, John 1, the first settler.

Beecher, Jared.

Beecher, Jesse, son of Isaac and Mabel (Hotchkiss) Beecher, was born April 20, 1741 and died April 7, 1813. His son, Jesse, was an itinerant Methodist minister. Hoel Beecher was a son of the latter.

Beecher, Justus.

Beecher, Lymon, "Bethany and its Hills," states that the Beechers in Bethany claim relationship with Lyman Beecher, the noted Litchfield minister.

Beecher, Lycias, built the house at the center, north of churches.

Beecher, Thomas.

Beecher, Wheeler.

Beers, David.

Beers, Nathan, lived north of the Smith school. He died May 9, 1837, aged 74. Mary, his wife, died August



RESIDENCE OF NATHAN F. MANSFIELD.

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| <p>9, 1845, aged 74.</p> <p>Bishop, Ebenezer, became an Episcopalian and was a warden. He died January 2, 1794, of smallpox.</p> <p>Bishop, Joseph, died February 27, 1819, aged 62. Olive, his wife, died November 20, 1842, aged 79.</p> <p>Bradley, Jesse.</p> <p>Bradley, Jason, son of Joseph and Miriam (Gilbert) Bradley, was born January 1, 1741. Joseph was the son of Joseph 3, Joseph 2, William 1.</p> <p>Bradley, Reuben.</p> <p>Briscoe, Samuel.</p> <p>Briscoe, Widow Mary.</p> <p>Briscoe, Widow Sarah.</p> <p>Bronson, Timothy.</p> <p>Brown, Timothy.</p> <p>Buckingham, Abijah.</p> <p>Buckingham, Oliver, father of Buel Buckingham, of Beacon Falls.</p> <p>Carrington, Abraham, lived in "Milford Side" and his barn is still standing.</p> | <p>His estate was settled June 5, 1799.</p> <p>Father of Alling Carrington.</p> <p>Castle, Jehiel, Dr., came from Waterbury just before 1800 and succeeded Hooker as the parish doctor. Father of Dr. Andrew Castle. One of the latter's daughters married Orrin Wheeler, another John W. Weed.</p> <p>Clark, Aaron.</p> <p>Clark, Lazarus, Jr.</p> <p>Clark, David.</p> <p>Clark, D. E.</p> <p>Collins, Benjamin.</p> <p>Collins, Joe.</p> <p>Collins, Joseph.</p> <p>Downs, David, son of Eber and Anna (Hitchcock) Downs, was baptized in Bethany, June 29, 1783 by Rev. Bela Hubbard, of Trinity church, New Haven. He lived on Downs street.</p> <p>Downs, Felix, son of Samuel and Sarah (Humphreyville) Downs. He married Phebe Downs, who died Feb-</p> |
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- ruary 9, 1844, aged 79. He built a large house on Downs street, which was torn down about fifteen years ago. He died February 3, 1848, aged 89.
- Downs, Isaac, son of Eber Downs, was baptized June 29, 1783. He married Mabel Perkins and moved to Wolcott, Conn. Father of Kneeland Downs.
- Downs, Joseph, son of Seth and Mary (Sperry) Downs, was born February 22, 1732-3.
- Downs, Samuel, son of Samuel 3, Samuel 2, John 1, married Sarah Humphreyville. He died Feb. 7, 1801, aged 81.
- Downs, Widow Sarah.
- Downs, Zeri, son of Samuel and Sarah Downs, moved to Bethlehem, Conn. and died there May 3, 1840.
- Driver, James.
- Foot, Isaac.
- Ford, Amos.
- French, Esq. David, son of Israel and Sarah (Loveland) French, was born Jan. 30, 1742. Married Lois Lines. He died Aug. 4, 1821. Jane French, daughter of Harry, the son of David French, married Justin Peck, of Cheshire. Harry F. Peck, their son lives near the old homestead.
- Hine, Capt. Joel, one of the leaders in the Isaac Jones controversy, is buried in rear of Episcopal church.
- Hitchcock, Amos, Capt., son of John 3, Nathaniel 2, Matthias; was born in 1724 and died in 1791. He married Dorcas Foot, of Br ford.
- Hitchcock, Amos, son of the above, was born 1762 and married Sarah Sperry of Bethany. Lived in the valley just north of where Sergeant's brook crosses the road.
- Hitchcock, Ebenezer, son of Capt. Amos and Dorcas (Foot) Hitchcock, was born in 1751.
- Hitchcock, Eli., son, Capt. Amos and Dorcas (Foot) Hitchcock, lived in Bethany, where Albert Hosley lives, the farm is still owned by a descendant. He had two sons, Grant and Miles. He died Sept. 27, 1846, aged 78.
- Abigail, his wife, died Nov. 8, 1808, aged 36.
- Hitchcock, Joseph, son of Ebenezer and Anna (Perkins) Hitchcock. Ebenezer was son of Nathaniel, son of Matthias.
- Hitchcock, Rebeckah, daughter of Ebenezer and Rebekah (Thomas) Hitchcock.
- Hitchcock, Timothy, son of Ebenezer and Anna (Perkins) Hitchcock, was born 1713.
- Hitchcock, William.
- Hooker, Dr. Hezekiah, lived in a "mansion" on the north side of the old Bethany Green. The cellar place is still visible. He died in 1799.
- Hoadley, Ami, lived at Hoadley Mills. The house (torn down and moved to Prospect a few years ago) and mills were built by him. His children were Ursula married Isaac Doolittle; Harriet married William Burnham; and Garry married Lucy Doolittle and remained at the homestead.
- Hotchkiss, Aaron.
- Hotchkiss, Abraham, son of Ensign Joshua and Mary Hotchkiss, was one of the first of the name to locate here.
- Hotchkiss, Benjamin.
- Hotchkiss, David E'sha, lived north of the Smith school.
- Hotchkiss, Elias.
- Hotchkiss, Ezekiel.
- Hotchkiss, Jabez, son of Isaac, born June, 1701, who was son of Ensign Joshua and Mary Hotchkiss.
- Hotchkiss, Jacob, son of Isaac 3, Joshua 2, Samuel 1.
- Hotchkiss, Joseph, son of Isaac.
- Hotchkiss, Capt. Joel. He was one of the first deacons of the church. He died Feb. 3, 1819, aged 73.
- Hotchkiss, Joel, Jr., son of the above.
- Hotchkiss, Medad, Lieut.
- Hotchkiss, Samuel.
- Hotchkiss, Solomon.
- Hotchkiss, Stephen, son of Jabez Hotchkiss.
- Hotchkiss, Silas.



THE LAMBERT WOODING HOMESTEAD.

Hotchkiss, Zedekiah.

Ives, Anan.

Ives, Abel.

Johnson, Eden—Lived in a house east of Frank Warner's residence. He and Joel Andrews were the only two members of the ecclesiastical society of Mr. Hawley's time who were living at the time of the centennial.

Johnson, Eliphalet.

Johnson, Gideon.

Johnson, Hezekiah, died March 6, 1818, aged 70.

Judd, Asi (?) Built the house where William Keefe Ives.

Kimball, Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Kimball, died Sept. 6, 1830, aged 91.

Lines, Abel.

Lines, Ebenezer.

Lines, Eber.

Lines, John

Lines, Lucas. He was a tory and was known as Luke Lines.

Lounsbury, Elias.

Lounsbury, Eri, son of Timothy and Hannah (French) Lounsbury, married Sarah Carrington. Two of his sons were Abram and William H. The latter was born Dec. 30, 1815. His son, also William, lives at the old homestead at the present date.

Lounsbury, Josiah, son of Josiah and Ruth (Lines) Lounsbury was born Aug. 5, 1729. He married Martha Hotchkiss.

Lounsbury, Linus, son of Josiah and Martha, was born Jan. 3, 1752.

Lounsbury, Stephen, son of Josiah and Ruth (Lines) Lounsbury was born 1736 and married Hannah Sperry, Oct. 26, 1761.

Lounsbury, Timothy, son of Josiah and Ruth was born 1740, died 1821. He

married first Hannah, daughter of David French. He built the fine old mansion on Lounsbury street in 1811.

Martin, Samuel.

Nelson, Silas.

Nettleton, Eli, lived in North Bethany, where his lineal descendant, Harry Nettleton now lives.

Nettleton, John.

Nettleton, Widow Sarah.

Payne, Abraham.

Payne, Isaac.

Parker, Ebenezer.

Peck, Benajah Deacon.

Peck, Lydia.

Peck, Samuel, son of Timothy Peck.

Peck, Timothy, was the first of the name to settle in Bethany. He was a prominent man and was influential in obtaining winter parish privileges in 1755. He was the son of Samuel 3, Joseph 2, Henry 1.

Perkins, Archibald, son of Azariah and Anne (Johnson) Perkins, (Azariah 4, John 3, John 2, Edward 1). He kept the old Perkins Tavern after the death of Edward Perkins. He married Sarah Nettleton.

Perkins, David, son of Reuben Perkins.

Perkins, Edward, probably the first proprietor of Perkins Tavern, was born Oct. 25, 1743. He was the son of Peter and Mary (Peck) Perkins, son of Peter and Hanah (Lord) Perkins, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Butcher) Perkins. Edward married first Mary Thomas, second, Rosanna Judd, sister of Chauncey Judd, the stolen boy.

Perkins, Isreal, son of Edward Perkins above, was born Dec. 30, 1767. He married Milly Judd, sister of Chauncey Judd. He died Sept. 8, 1846, aged 79. Rev. Israel Perkins Warren was a grandson.

Perkins, Joel.

Perkins, John.

Perkins, Deacon Peter, son of Peter Perkins, was often entrusted with various ecclesiastical duties. He died Nov. 23, 1799, aged 53. Elizabeth, his

wife, died April 7, 1798, aged 53.

Perkins, Reuben, lived north of the David Perkins place. The cellar and well are still discernible. No public road crosses in 't vicinity at present. He married Thankful Smith. He died in Hamden about 1800, aged 64. His widow died in Bethany, Sept. 6, 1831, aged 85.

Russell, Widow Anne. The statement, "Mrs. Anna Russell was the first person born in Bethany," probably refers to the above.

Russell, Elmore.

Russell, Enoch.

Russell, John. His wife, Abigail, died June 1, 1813, aged 61.

Russell, Robert.

Sackitt, Jonathan. Sarah, wife of "John" Sackitt, died Jan. 12, 1794, aged 20.

Sanford, Cyrus.

Sanford, David.

Sanford, Col. Elihu, lived in the Ebenezer Dayton house, east side of the meeting-house green. "He was the father of Elihu and Harvey Sanford, esquires, long known as among the most respectable citizens of New Haven." He donated the land for the Congregational cemetery.

Sanford, Jonathan.

Sanford, Mehitabel.

Sherman, James.

Sherman, Samuel.

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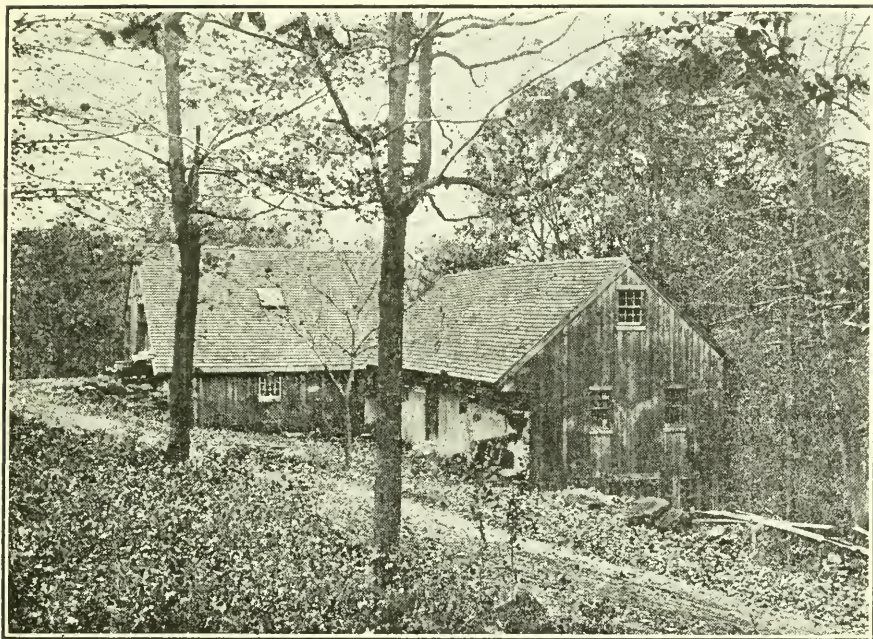
Smith, Jonathan.

Smith, Samuel.

Sperry, Demas, son of Reuben, lived on the farm now owned by D. L. Johnson. He was the father of Col. Alvin Sperry who built the house now standing. He died June 27, 1833, aged 68. His wife, Elizabeth, died December, 1849, aged 81.

Sperry, Elam, was a member of the church.

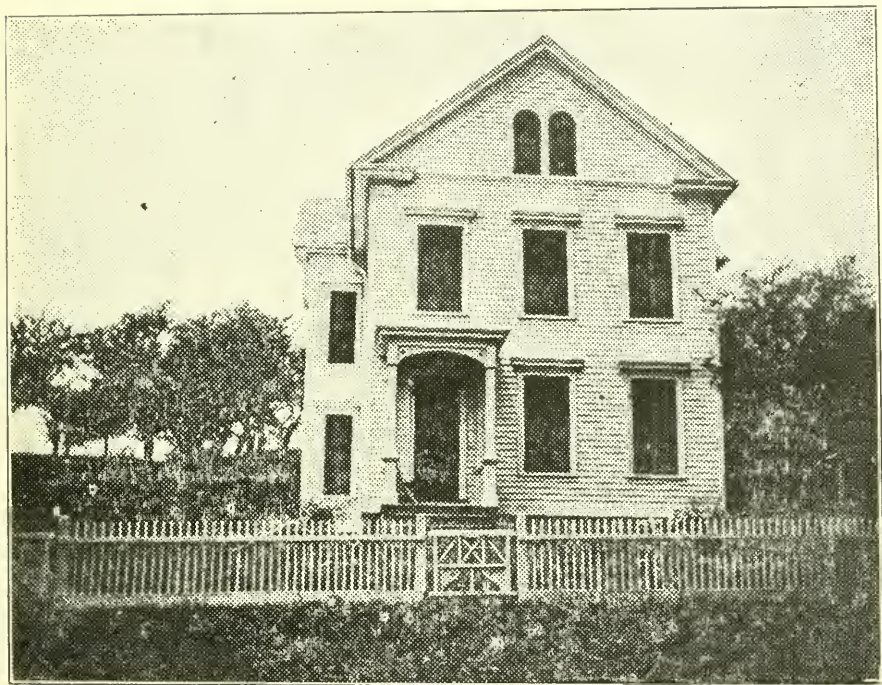
Sperry, Ezra. Lived in the house which stood on the corner diagonally from the Wheeler house. He was the



THE HOADLEY MILL, TORN DOWN ABOUT 1904.

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| <p>father of Ezra Stiles Sperry. Capt. Ezra Sperry died Nov. 10, 1803, aged 73. His wife, Ruth, died July 2, 1815, aged 82.</p> <p>Sperry, Elijah, Capt.</p> <p>Sperry, Hannah. It was south of her house, probably, that the parish line extended.</p> <p>Sperry, Hezekiah.</p> <p>Sperry, Isaac, built the Henry Sanford house. Father of Enos Sperry. He died Feb. 7, 1844, aged 84. His wife Mary, died Oct. 28, 1835, aged 71.</p> <p>Sperry, Medad.</p> <p>Sperry, Reuben, father of Demas above, and others probably. He died May, 1795, aged 62. His wife, Eunice, died Dec. 6, 1820, aged 83.</p> | <p>Sperry, Uri.</p> <p>Sperry, Zeri.</p> <p>Talmadge, John Alsop.</p> <p>Terrel, Widow Phebe. Widow of Phineas Terrel, son of Samuel, of Milford.</p> <p>Terrel, Ebenezer.</p> <p>Terrel, John.</p> <p>Terrel, Deacon Phineas, son of Phineas and Phebe Terrel.</p> <p>Thomas, Gershom Ensign, (Israel 3, Daniel 2, John 1), was born March 17, 1725, and died before May 7, 1792. He married April 26, 1749, Mabel Dorman, widow of Joel Perkins. She died March 19, 1787, aged 66.</p> <p>Thomas, David, was baptized May 3, 1752. Was a leader in the Jones</p> |
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- controversy, to whom he was opposed. He was son of Israel 4, Israel 2, Daniel 2, John 1.
- Thomas, E. Downs.
- Thomas, Elizabeth.
- Thomas, Hezekiah, brother of David Thomas, was the first town clerk. He was proprietor of the Hezekiah Thomas hotel, which later became the Congregational parsonage. He married Chloe Beecher. Their daughter, Tabitha, married Isaac Jones.
- Thomas, Israel (Israel 3, Daniel 2, John 1), born June 5, 1720, died 1784. He married June 24, 1746, Martha, daughter of Ambrose Hine.
- Thomas, Esquire John (John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1), born April 16, 1755. Lived on Lebanon Hill. He inherited considerable wealth and was probably the richest man in the parish. His wife, Lydia, died July 13, 1815, aged 50. He died April 21, 1839.
- Thomas, John Jr., lived on Lebanon Hill.
- Thomas, Noah, son of Gershom and Mabel Thomas, married Sept. 9, 1781, Mary Tolles, daughter of Daniel and Thankful (Smith) Tolles. On Oct. 26, 1818, his widow Mary and Aner Thomas became administrators of his estate which was divided between the widow Mary and Aner Thomas, Laura Robinson and Leverett, Ransom and Charles Thomas. Noah died Sept. 16, 1818, aged 62. His wife died Sept. 10, 1842, aged 87.
- Todd, Charles, son of Jonah Todd. Lived in North Bethany. He married Lydia Ives.
- Tolles, Abraham, son of Daniel, married Elizabeth ———. He died May 20, 1793, aged 38. She died Feb. 14, 1788, aged 22.
- Tolles, Chauncey, lived in the southern part of the town, where his son Lewis built the house where Elizur Doolittle lived. Chauncey died April 1, 1824, aged 46. His wife Eunice died Nov. 23, 1865, aged 91.
- Tolles, Daniel, son of Henry and Dorothy (Thomas) Tolles, married Thankful Smith. He died Jan. 20, 1782, aged 77. His wife died June 28, 1769, aged 58.
- Tolles, Daniel, Jr., married Mary Hine.
- Tolles, Jared, was a soldier in the Revolution.
- Tolles, Lamberton, married Abigail, daughter of Samuel and Ruth Briscoe.
- Tolles, Lazarus, married Sibyl Belamy.
- Tolles, Lyman.
- Tolles, Nehemiah.
- Tuttle, Amasa, son of Uri and Thankful (Tuttle). Married Esther Tolles.
- Tuttle, Jonathan.
- Tuttle, Nathaniel, brother of Uri Tuttle, Sr. He died Feb. 20, 1802, aged 59. Elizabeth, his wife, died April 4, 1819, aged 72.
- Tuttle, Thankful. Widow of Uri Tuttle, daughter of Jonathan Ives.
- Tuttle, Uri, Jr., son of Uri and Thankful. Married Electa Perkins, daughter of Edward.
- Tyrrel, Deacon Jesse.
- Warren, Edward.
- Warren, Nathaniel.
- Wheeler, Deacon James, (record elsewhere).
- Wheeler, Joel.
- White, Deacon John, son of Capt. John and Susannah (Ailing) White, was born May 19, 1722. He married Mary, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Atwater) Dickerman, Dec. 27, 1744. He was appointed a deacon of the Church of Christ in Bethany as soon as its organization was effected. He died in New Haven, Nov. 24, 1797.
- Wilmot, Valentine, (record given



RESIDENCE OF MRS. A. H. DOWNS, EAST BETHANY.

elsewhere),

Wilmot, David.

Wilmot, Walter.

Wolcott, Joseph.

Wooding, David. Keeper of the Smith Tavern previous to Theophilus Smith.

Wooding, John.

Wooding, John Jr.

Wooding, William, lived near Hoadley's Mills, house later owned by the Roswells.

It was during the period closely following 1800 that the greatest religious controversy that this town and few other towns in Connecticut have ever known. It was waged at fearful cost to the church. We learn that the con-

gregation dwindled from one hundred and sixty-four families in 1799 to eighty in 1811, as shown by seats assigned to heads of families in the seating plans, still in existence. During this period but few new names were added to the parishioners but we give them so far as the records show: Allen, Richard; Beecher, Timothy; Benworth, Orange; Clark, Isaac; Dudley, Caleb; Hotchkiss, Harvey; Hotchkiss, Seymour, Hotchkiss, Sheldon; Hotchkiss, Zacheus, Prince, Nathan; Robinson, Elihu; Sanford, Tubal; Sperry, Alvan; Sperry, Chilion; Stone, Richard; White, John; Wilmot, Amos; Wilmot, John.

From various sources it is ascertained that the men mentioned below

were members of the church, previous to 1814. Joseph Collins, Eden Johnson, Jesse Beecher, Phineas Tyrrell (Deacon), Hezekiah Beecher (Deacon), Daniel Tolles, Moses Clark, Joel Hine, Bezaleel Peck and Joel Andrews and wife.

List of church members January 1, 1814. This is the earliest complete list of members extant.

Andrew, Mary (Tyrrell), wife of William Andrew; daughter of Deacon Phineas Tyrrell. William A. was born 1764 and died December 7, 1834. She died March 10, 1836, aged 67.

Driver, Lydia (Hitchcock), wife of Samuel Driver, daughter of Timothy and Abigail Hitchcock. She was sister of Elizabeth, wife of Darius Driver. Albert Driver was a son of Samuel and Lydia Driver.

Hitchcock, Timothy, son of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Thomas) Hitchcock, was born Nov. 8, 1747-8; died August 5, 1820.

Hitchcock, Abigail (Clark) wife of Timothy H., daughter of Hez. Clark. One of her sisters, Elizabeth, was the mother of Deacon Clark Hotchkiss, another was the wife of Deacon Jas. Wheeler. Abigail H., was born January 2, 1755, died September 9, 1854.

Hitchcock, Sarah (Sperry) wife of Amos Hitchcock. She died August 27, 1842, aged 69. He died May 21, 1849, aged 87. Grandparents of Ransom Hitchcock, of Bethany Center.

Hitchcock, Amos, son of Benjamin Hotchkiss, was born 1778. He married Lois Todd, sister of Mrs. David Perkins. His father, Benjamin H., died March, 1809.

Hotchkiss, Lois (Todd), wife of last. In 1828 the church withdrew "watch and care" from Amos Hotchkiss and wife.

Hotchkiss, Eunice (Atwater), wife of Elias Hotchkiss, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Beach) Atwater. She died in New Haven.

Hotchkiss, Elizabeth (Clark), wife of

Isaac Hotchkiss, daughter of Hezekiah Clark. She was born May 9, 1762. Mother of Deacon Clark Hotchkiss.

Hotchkiss, Deacon Jacob, son of Isaac Hotchkiss, married Mary Perkins. He died June 26, 1825, aged 89. Grandfather of Spencer Hotchkiss, who lived on the Street Todd farm.

Hotchkiss, Mary (Perkins), wife of Deacon Jacob Hotchkiss.

Hotchkiss, Susannah (Peck), wife of Silas Hotchkiss, mother of Mrs. Andrew, grandmother of Mrs. Susan Russell. She died February 20, 1839, aged 67. He died February 11, 1849, aged 83.

Lines, Ruth (Sperry), sister of E. S. Sperry's father. She died March 27, 1837, aged 77.

Lounsbury, Hannah (Sperry), widow of Stephen Lounsbury, whom she married October 26, 1761. Grandmother of Newell Lounsbury and Major Lounsbury.

Nettleton, Comfort (Hine), wife of John Nettleton. She died January 31, 1841. He outlived her.

Perkins, Thankful, widow of Deacon Peter Perkins. Grandmother of Anson Perkins.

Perkins, David, son of Reuben and Thankful (Smith) Perkins, married, 1797, Lola Todd. He was a member in Mr. Hawley's time. Lived on the old road which intersects the turnpike north of the home of Mrs. Jane Perkins (his grand-daughter). He died November 16, 1865, aged 80.

Perkins, Lola (Todd), born 1772, died March 13, 1811, aged 38.

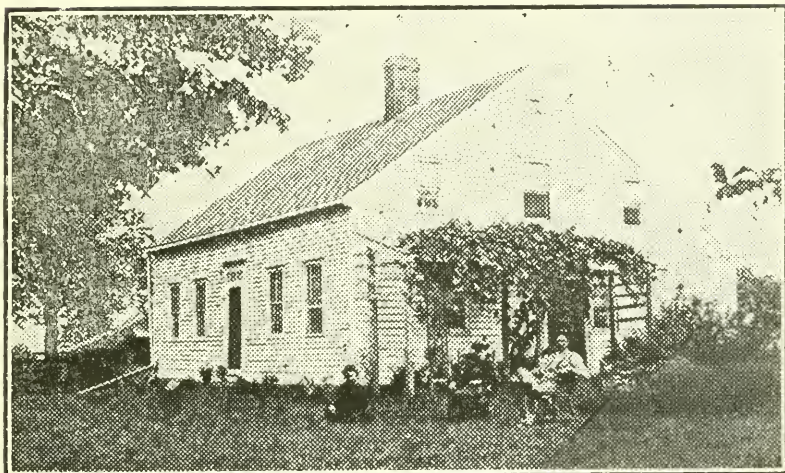
Prince, Lois (Hotchkiss), wife of Nathan Prince, died Jan. 9, 1823, aged 63. Mr. Prince died January 25, 1824, aged 74.

Sackett, Mary (Wheeler), daughter of Deacon James Wheeler, wife of John Sackett. Her first husband, Briscoe.

Sanford, Widow Hannah.

Sanford, Damaris Widow.

Sanford, Elihu Col., Married Sarah



HOME OF MRS. M. B. MCCLURE.

Thorp. He died October 9, 1839, aged 81, and was buried in the Congregational cemetery, a few months after donating the land for that purpose.

Sanford, Sarah (Thorp), wife of Col. Elihu Sanford died July 14, 1837, aged 75.

Sperry, Elam, removed to Ohio.

Sperry, Anna (Smith), wife of Elam Sperry, sister of Olive M. Bishop. In 1828 the church withdrew "watch and care" from her and her husband.

Sperry, Elizabeth (Perkins), wife of Demas Sperry, daughter of Deacon Peter Perkins. She died December 1, 1849, aged 81. Husband died June 27, 1833, aged 67.

Tyrrell, Deacon Jesse, died March 15, 1814, aged 70. He married first Mabel —, who died September 23, 1786, aged 40. His second wife was Thankful Merwin. "As an expression of his regard to the prosperity of Zion of the Church and Society of which he was a member, he bequeathed the chief of his estate to

the support of a Preached Gospel." Tombstone inscription.

Tyrrell, Thankful (Merwin), second wife of Deacon Jesse Tyrrell, buried at her request in the new burying ground.

Tyrrell, Mrs. Mary (Curtiss), widow of John Tyrrell, who hanged himself. Married in Colebrook second husband named Oatman. She removed to Pennsylvania and died there.

Thomas, David, brother of Hezekiah Thomas. His first wife was the mother of Mrs. Zaccheus Hotchkiss.

Thomas, Sarah (Perkins), wife of E. Downs Thomas, sister of Mrs. Demas Sperry.

Umberfield, Matty (Hotchkiss), wife of John Umberfield, daughter of Captain Joel Hotchkiss. Died in New Haven, October, 1856.

Wilmot, Mrs. Comfort, wife of Amos Wilmot. First husband was Eli Nettleton. She died April, 1844. Mother of Isaac Nettleton.

Wilmot, wife of Valentine Wilmot. Her

maiden name was Fenn. Mother of John Wilmot, who married Asenath Clark. Their son, Noyes Wilmot, lives in Naugatuck.

Wooding, John, ancestor of all of the name in Bethany.

1814.

Perkins, Eli, admitted March 6, married Ann Wheeler, daughter of Deacon James Wheeler. In 1828 the church withdrew "watch and care" from him.

1815.

Atwater, Lydia (Shepard), wife of David Atwater. Restored August 31. She died February 10, 1850, aged 88. Anan Atwater was one of their sons.

Bradley, Abiah (Hotchkiss) daughter of Joel Hotchkiss. Admitted May 14.

Hotchkiss, Mehitabel, sister of the last. Admitted May 14.

Tolles, Eunice (Bradley) wife of Chauncey Tolles. She was born August 6, 1774, admitted May 14, died Nov. 23, 1865. Mr. Tolles died April 1, 1824 aged 46.

Wilmot, Valentine (restored May 22.)

Hotchkiss, Capt. Joel (July 2.) He died Feb. 3, 1819, aged 73. His wife died Nov. 13, 1831, aged 81.

Hotchkiss, Martha (Peck) (July 2) wife of Capt. Joel Hotchkiss, daughter of Deacon Timothy Peck.

Hitchcock, Jabez Deacon (July 2) a grandson of Capt Amos and Dorcas (Toot) Hitchcock, died Feb. 19, 1842, aged 77. His wife, Experience Bishop, (sister of James Bishop), was a pious woman though not a church member. She died Mar. 30, 1843, aged 84.

Sperry, Hannah (July 2) sister of E. S. Sperry's father, died March 6, 1843, aged 78.

Platt, Sybil wid. (Sept. 3, letter from Milford) First husband Nettleton, mother of John Nettleton.

Perkins, Sarah, (Nov. 6 letter from Woodbridge) second wife of David Perkins. She was the sister of

Enoch Sperry. Her first husband was named Merwin. She died Feb. 1861 in Woodbridge, aged 85.

Peck, Sybil (Nettleton) (letter from North Milford,) sister of Isaac Nettleton.

1816.

Nettleton, Betsy (Nettleton) daughter of Eli Nettleton, sister of the last. She was admitted by letter from North Milford March 3. Married Isaac Bradley, and died in Prospect.

Hotchkiss, Clarissa (Sperry) (July 4) wife of Sheldon Hotchkiss and daughter of Isaac Sperry. Husband was son of Elias Hotchkiss. Died in New Haven.

Hotchkiss, Eunice (Beecher) July 4, wife of Seymour Hotchkiss, mother of Mrs. Alonzo Sperry, sister of Andrew Beecher. He died Oct. 28, 1822, aged 41.

Hotchkiss, Content, July 4, daughter of Joel Hotchkiss, unmarried.

Platt, Sarah, Aug 29, wife of Ebenezer, sister of Deacon Theophilus Smith, died in Orange.

Hotchkiss Mary (Sperry) Aug. 29, wife of Joel Hotchkiss, daughter of Isaac Sperry. Moved to Readsville, Penn. where they died.

Hitchcock, Elizabeth, (Oct. 27) sister of Timothy Hitchcock, unmarried.

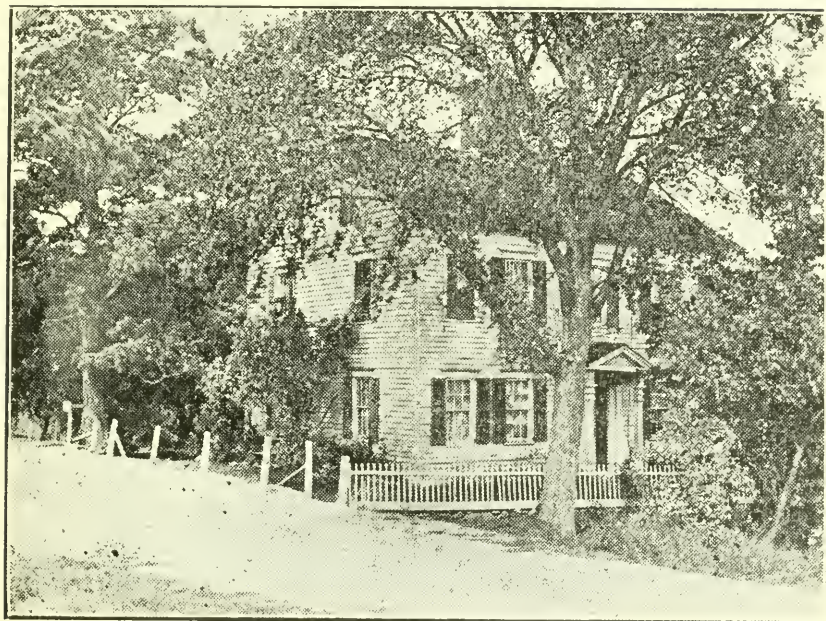
1817.

Sanford, Lois (Dickerman) Jan. 5 wife of Cyrus Sanford. She died April 11, 1854, aged 82. He died Feb. 28, 1853 aged 84.

Platt, Ebenezer, March 23, letter from Bethlehem. He died in Orange May 20, 1864, aged 83.

Wilmot, Asenath (Clark) July 6, wife of John Wilmot, who was a son of Valentine Wilmot. Moved to Naugatuck April 1830. She was the daughter of Andrew and Annie Clark of Milford. She was born April 29, 1789 and died Feb. 1, 1887. John W. was born 1779; died 1837.

Perkins, Ann (Wheeler) May 4, wife of Eli Perkins. Letter from Oxford. She died deranged.



THE CAPT. DAYTON PLACE.

Recently the Home of the Late James Cotter.

White, Martha (Hotchkiss) Sept. 7 sister of Deacon Clark Hotchkiss, married John White, a grandson of Deacon John White, first deacon of the church.

Peck, Lauren (Oct. 5) letter from Amity. He and his wife removed to East Bennington, Vermont. In March 1839, probably some years after their removal there, they asked for a letter.

Peck, Sally E. (Baldwin) wife of Lauren Peck.

Hotchkiss, Isaac, (Nov. 2) father of Deacon Clark Hotchkiss, died May 11, 1828, aged 70.

White, John, (Nov. 2), son of Lieut. John and Anna (Bostwick) White, son of Deacon John and Mary (Dickerman) White, married Feb. 9, 1802

Martha, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Hotchkiss. He was a carpenter and millwright. He was born Dec. 29, 1780 and died Nov. 7, 1852.

Robinson, Elihu, (Nov. 2) died June 10, 1849, aged 64.

Baldwin, widow, Sarah, (Nov. 23) mother of Mrs. Sally Peck.

Hitchcock, Lady, (Nov. 23) sister of Miles Hitchcock. She married in Prospect, I. Smilh.

1818.

Atwater, David, (March 1) son of Jonathan and Sarah (Beach) Atwater, married Lydia Shepard. He was the father of Anan Atwater. He died June 15, 1829, aged 67.

Atwater, Jesse, (March 1) brother of David Atwater.

Bradley, Electa, (March 1) wife of Ja-

- son Bradley, daughter of Lamberton Tolles. She died March 20, 1858, aged 79.
- Thomas, Allen, lived where Abner Warner now resides. He died April 11, 1849, aged 49.
- Bradley, Deacon Jesse, (March 1) lived just south of the corner south of D. L. Johnson's on the opposite side of road. He died Oct. 25, 1839, aged 65.
- Hitchcock, Samuel, (March 1.)
- Bradley, Beda, (March 1) daughter of Deacon Jesse Bradley, married Jesse Lounsbury.
- Hotchkiss, Hiram, (March 1) lived at Bethany Center in house now owned by Charles Booth. He was a son of Silas Hotchkiss. He died Jan. 22, 1850.
- Atwater, Polly (Brockett) July 5, wife of Jesse Atwater, had been of Dr. Trumbull's congregation in North Haven. Married Mitchell Peck.
- Bradley, Mary, (July 5) wife of Deacon Jesse Bradley, was born Jan 28, 1779, died about 1865.
- Sanford, Polly (Newton), July 5, wife of Tubal Sanford. Tubal Sanford was born Oct. 20, 1783, died April 14, 1874. His second wife Lucinda Barns was born Sept. 13, 1806; died July 5, 1882.
- Andrew, Job, (July 5) son of William and Mary (Tyrrell) Andrew was born Aug. 19, 1796, died Aug. 18, 1868. He married Lois Prince, born Jan. 15, 1797; died May 7, 1874.
- Atwater, Eunice, July 5, daughter of David Atwater, married Uri Woodling. They lived in the valley east of home of Jerome A. Downs, Jr. She died March 23, 1861. He died Feb. 16, 1853, aged 58.
- 1820.
- Thomas, Naomi (Hotchkiss) wife of John Thomas; first husband was named Johnson. She brought letter from Amity and was dismissed to Naugatuck May 25, 1845 where she died.
- 1822.
- Perkins, Mary, (May 26) wife of Benoni Perkins, daughter of Eli Nettleton.
- 1823.
- Nettleton, Oliver, (March) letter from Watertown, died at Westville, Jan. 31, 1864.
- Nettleton, Mrs. Oliver, (March) letter from Watertown.
- Thomas, John, (March).
- Sanford, Cyrus, (March) died Feb. 28, 1853, aged 84.
- 1824.
- Hotchkiss, Martha, (May 2) wife of Zaccheus Hotchkiss, daughter of David Thomas. She died Feb. 18, 1856, aged 82. He died Nov. 30, 1855, aged 79.
- Thomas, Mary, (May 2) daughter of David Thomas, died unmarried.
- 1827.
- Theophilus Smith (Jan 7, letter from Milford.) He kept the tavern on the Straits Turnpike. It was the custom when the pulpit was supplied by ministers from New Haven for them to come out to his tavern in the stage Saturday and return Monday. He died Nov. 5, 1873.
- Silas Hotchkiss (March 2) son of Joseph Hotchkiss. He died Feb. 21, 1849, aged 83.
- May 4, 1828.
- Andrew, Lois, wife of Job Andrew, died May 7, 1874.
- Bradley, Miles, son of Deacon Jesse Bradley, moved to Westville where he was a merchant.
- Bradley, Mary (Morgan) wife of Miles Bradley. Her sons were named Dwight and Theodore.
- Bradley, Isaac, son of Jason Bradley, died Feb. 26, 1830, aged 25.
- Bradley, Jason Willis, son of Jason and Electa (Tolles) Bradley, married Oct. 23, 1834 Elizabeth Sperry. He was born Jan. 10, 1809; died Oct. 12, 1888.
- Bradley, Electa, daughter of Jason, married Babil Smith of Woodbridge.



THE ARCHIBALD PERKINS HOUSE, NORTH BETHANY.

Hine, Lewis, died Aug. 2, 1863, aged 62.

Hine, Martha, wife of Lewis, daughter of Silas Hotchkiss.

Hotchkiss, Philo, son of Isaac Hotchkiss. He died Jan. 16, 1837, aged 54.

Hotchkiss, Betsy (Thomas) wife of Philo Hotchkiss, daughter of Elijah Thomas, died May 13, 1838, aged 48.

Hotchkiss, Rebecca, wife of Hiram, sister of Deacon Clark Hotchkiss. She died Sept. 28, 1849, aged 52.

Hotchkiss, Clark, son of Isaac Hotchkiss, married Caroline, daughter of Chillon Sperry. He was deacon of the church for over sixty years. He died July 1890.

Kimball, Miranda, married Charles Thomas. She died Oct. 14, 1864, aged 64. He died Oct. 27, 1863, aged 62.

Sanford, Austin.

Smith, Betsy, second wife of Theophilus Smith, daughter of Lysias Beecher. She died March 7, 1830, aged 31.

Sperry, Caroline, daughter of Chillon Sperry, married Deacon Clark Hotchkiss. She died Dec 30, 1891.

Russell, Harriet, sister of Lovisa, wife of Jarvis Bronson. She married John Bradley.

Russell, Nancy, sister of the above, died unmarried Jan. 16, 1889, aged 79.

Thomas, Lewis, lived in the Wheeler house Bethany Center. The ministers were often entertained at his house. He was born 1798 and died 1840.

Thomas, Louisa, wife of Lewis Thomas, daughter of Phineas Peck. Married second Sheldon Hotchkiss.

She was born 1799; died 1876.
Thomas, Mary (Gilbert) wife of Allen Thomas. Removed 1855. Dismissed to church in Galesbury, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1862.

Thomas, Harriet Emily, daughter of John Thomas, married Dr. F. Spencer. He lived on Lebanon Hill. Their house burned and he and two young sons perished in the flames. She was dismissed soon after the tragic event to Naugatuck, May 25, 1845.

Tolles, Lewis, son of Chauncey, married Eliza Sanford. He died 1880, aged 75 years.

Tolles, Eliza, wife of Lewis Tolles, daughter of Tubal Sanford.

Tolles, Elizabeth, married William Peck of Woodbridge.

(July 6.)

Lounsbury, Abram, son of Eri and Sarah (Carrington) Lounsbury, married Emily, daughter of David and Lola (Todd) Perkins. He died April 27, 1860, aged 61.

Lounsbury, Emily, (Perkins) wife of Abram Lounsbury, died June 20, 1881, aged 78.

Perkins, Alvin, son of David and Lola (Todd) Perkins, married Lucretia, daughter of Henry Sanford. Moved to Westville.

Hotchkiss, Rhoda, wife of Spence? Hotchkiss, daughter of Zedekiah Hotchkiss. Restored to membership Feb. 28, 1844; died March 5, 1856.

Thomas, Mary Ann, daughter of Allen Thomas, married John Bassett and removed to Illinois.

(Sept. 7.)

Lounsbury, Jesse.

1833.

Hitchcock, Abby L. (Judson) wife of Amos Hitchcock, received by letter from Humphreyville March 3. She died Aug. 22, 1862.

Lounsbury, Isaac, (March 3) son of Eri Lounsbury, married Lodema ———. Located in Meriden, Conn.

Hotchkiss, Pennina, (March 3) daughter of Elias Hotchkiss. Died about 1863.

Platt, Susan Ann, (March 3) married Bushnell and lived in New Haven.

Platt, Sarah L., (March 3) married a Clark of West Haven.

Platt, Harriet, (March 3) married Boardman, Orange, died 1878.

Hotchkiss, Jane, (March 3) married Thomas Sanford of Woodbridge.

Hitchcock, Sarah (May 5) daughter of Amos and Sarah (Sperry) Hitchcock, died unmarried Oct. 1883 in Watertown.

Bishop, Olive M. (Smith) (May 5) wife of Joseph Bishop. She died Nov. 20, 1842, aged 79.

Hotchkiss, Harriet, (May 5) daughter of Silliman Hotchkiss, married a Wooding of Prospect.

Hitchcock, Grant, (May 5) son of Eli Hitchcock, lived at the old Hitchcock homestead, now occupied by a granddaughter, Mrs. Florence Beecher. He died March 23, 1861, aged 61.

Hitchcock, Anna (Doolittle) (May 5) wife of Grant Hitchcock. She died July 10, 1877, aged 72.

Bradley, Jesse Geo., (May 5) son of Deacon Jesse Bradley, became well-known as a maker of whip-lashes.

Hotchkiss, Eliza Ann, (May 5) was daughter of Hiram Hotchkiss. She was dismissed to Monroe and married there, later returned and married, second, Henry Sanford.

1833.

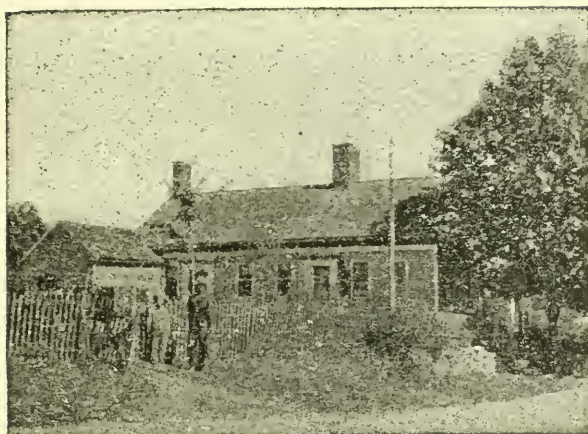
Platt, Jonah, (Nov. 3) dismissed to Milford, Nov. 17, 1834.

Wilcox, Marietta, wife of Rev. J. Wilcox, by letter from Stockbridge, Mass.

1834.

Perkins, Lucretia (Sanford) (May 4) wife of Alvin Perkins. Received by letter.

Porter, Sally, widow, (May 4 by letter.) Removed to Naugatuck and died there.



RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL B. DOWNS.

Warren, Israel Perkins. (May 4 by letter) became a Congregational minister. He was born in Bethany April 8, 1814; and died in Portland, Maine, Oct. 9, 1892.

1837.

Hitchcock, Amos, Jr., (July 16) son of Amos and Sarah (Sperry) Hitchcock married Abby L. Judson. He died April 27, 1888.

Nettleton, Orril, (July 16) daughter of Oliver Nettleton, married Farnum of Westville.

Purdy, Eunice (Newton) (July 16) wife of William Purdy, lived a half-mile east of the old red school house in the Gate District. Removed to Plymouth and died there.

Thomas, Frances, (July 16) daughter of Allen Thomas, Married Day and removed to Illinois. Dismissed May 4, 1845.

Thomas, Harriet L., (July 16) daughter of Lewis. married Bachelor in New Haven.

Thomas, Nancy, (July 16) daughter of Allen Thomas, married Adams and removed to Illinois.

Warren, Leonora, (July 16) wife of Isaac Warren, daughter of Israel Perkins. Mother of Rev. I. P. Warren. Removed to Goshen, Ct.

Warren, Susan Harriet, (July 16) daughter of the last.

Thomas, Caroline, (April 5) daughter of Allen, married in Oxford Fanning. Dismissed to Patchogue, L. I., March 3, 1844.

Bishop, Maria, (July 13) was cut off. (Joined Mormons.)

1840.

Clark, Amy. (June) wife of Rev. Saul Clark, by letter from S. Egremont, Mass.

Clark, Marietta Smith, (June) daughter of the Rev. Saul Clark.

1843.

Butts, Julia, (July 2) wife of Rev. D. B. Butts, by letter from Stanwich, Conn.

Clark, Esther (Treat), September 3, wife of Isaac Clark. She died March 21, 1862.

Hotchkiss, Andrew P., September 3, son of Hiram Hotchkiss, removed to New Haven.

- Hotchkiss, Wales, September 3, son of Hiram Hotchkiss, was a portrait painter in New Haven, many years.
- Kingsley, Eunice, September 3, unmarried; died December 14, 1863, aged 84.
- Thomas, Eliza E., September 3, daughter of Charles Thomas, married William Conolly, an Irishman. She died a Catholic, October 4, 1857.
- Warner, Martha, September 3, wife of Miles Warner.
- Peck, Justus, Nov. 5, letter from Cheshire. Married Jane French. He died February 3, 1885, aged 75. His first wife, Marietta Moss, died August 23, 1835, aged 33.
- 1844.
- Sharp, Eliza A., March 3, daughter of Hiram Hotchkiss. Married second Henry Sanford. She died about 1865.
- 1845.
- Beard, Allen C., May 4, by letter from Milford. His daughter, Mrs. Kate Lacey, lived at the old homestead.
- Beard, Abigail, May 4, wife of Allen Beard. She died January 20, 1870.
- 1850.
- French, Truman, January 6, Dismissed December, 1851. Removed to New Haven.
- French, Susan Lee, January 6, widow of Truman; daughter of Rev. C. G. Lee. Dismissed December, 1851.
- Francis, Mrs. Charlotte W., January 6 Died in Welton.
- Harrison, Caroline F., July 5, letter from Bethlehem, daughter of Rev. F. Harrison. Married Samuel Bird, of Bethlehem.
- Harrison, Fanny, July 5, letter from Bethlehem, daughter of Rev. F. H. Died at Bridgewater.
- Peck, Mrs. Jane French, January 6, wife of Justus Peck, daughter of Harry French. She died November 16, 1894, aged 81.
- Smith, Elizabeth B., January 6, daughter of Theophilus Smith. She married Rev. Edmund Peck, a Methodist minister, was dismissed to M. E. church in West Haven, and later re-
- stored to membership in this church. Lives in Waterbury.
- 1851.
- Sperry, Lucina S., September, letter from Plymouth Hollow, Ct., wife of Marcus Sperry.
- 1855.
- Robinson, Rev. E. W., July 3, letter from Hanover, Ct., died in Washington, D. C.
- Robinson, Sarah B. (Adams), July 3, wife of last.
- Robinson, N. Emmons, July 3, son of Rev. E. W. R.
- 1857.
- Ward, Willis Edwin, a colored man, was baptized and admitted to the church on his sick bed in the presence of several members of the church, November 27. On the 29th the church formally ratified the admission. On the 2d of December the Lord's Supper was administered to him, a number of the members of the church being present. He died December 14, aged 35.
- 1858.
- Sarah L. Clark, December 6, wife of Nathan Clark, daughter of Abram Lounsbury. She died Dec. 21, 1893, aged 67. Her husband, Nathan Clark, son of Isaac, died September 21, 1893, aged 69.
- Russell, Mary E., December 6, daughter of Stiles and Susan (Andrew) Russell. She married Ransom Hitchcock and was for many years the postmistress of Bethany. She was born April 6, 1839, died August 22, 1904.
- Robinson, James A., December 6, son of Rev. E. W. Robinson. He died August 21, 1863, in Ohio. He was in the army, U. S. volunteers.
- 1861.
- French, John C., July 14, lived on the road to Beacon Falls, in a locality which later became a part of that town.
- French, Marietta (Hotchkiss), July 14, wife of John French.



A BETHANY CHARCOAL PIT.

1863.

Driver, Mrs. Eliza, May 3, letter from M. E. church in New Haven, wife of George Driver. Relation removed to M. E. church, New Haven, in 1874.

1864.

Scranton, George B., March 6, letter from Whitneyville. Lived on Chatfield Hill, in house which was burned in 1912. He died January 20, 1872.

Scranton, Hannah, March 6, letter; wife of George Scranton. Hanged herself May 14, 1875.

1865

Peck, Marietta, dismissed Sept. 2, 1877, to Congregational church in Wallingford.

Russell, Ellen, daughter of Stiles Russell, a wheelwright. She married Nathaniel Newell, and was dismissed

to the First Congregational church of Branford.

Russell, Annie E., daughter of Stiles and Susan (Andrew) Russell, married H. D. Seldon, was dismissed April, 1886, to church in Chester.

McClure, Hannah, daughter of William McClure. She has been a member of the church for the longest continuous period of any one now living.

Beard, Susan, daughter of Allen and Abigail Beard, married first William H. Lounsbury, September 8, 1873; second, Mr. Noble. She was dismissed September 2, 1877 to the M. E. church, Bethany.

Beard, Andrew, son of Allen and Abigail Beard, was a school teacher in Bethany. He was dismissed in 1883 to the Congregational church, Aspen, Colo. Died recently.

- Beard, Cecelia, daughter of Allen Beard, married Dennis Smith. Dismissed to First Church, of Milford.
- Munson, Mrs Betsey A. (Hitchcock), wife of Alva Keep Munson, daughter of Grant and Anna (Doolittle) Hitchcock. She died November 14, 1901, aged 72. A. K. Munson, born March 27, 1827; died May 1, 1908.
- Robinson, Sarah M., April 9, daughter of Rev. E. W. Robinson. Dismissed October, 1865, to First Congregational church, Washington, D. C.
- Robinson, Mary L., April 9, same record as above.
- Robinson, Emily E., as above.
- Driver, Laura E., dismissed to St. Johns church, New Haven, Oct. 17, 1869. She was a sister of George Driver.
- Scranton, Eliza, daughter of George and Hannah Scranton, died May 22, 1876.
- Scranton, Elizabeth, sister of the last. 1866.
- White, May, daughter of William White, and a descendant of Deacon John White.
- Hotchkiss, Fanny E., daughter of Deacon Clark and Caroline (Sperry) Hotchkiss, married Adrian Rosha. Dismissed to church in Westville, but later in 1894 returned to Bethany and is an active member.
- Sperry, Ann, wife of John Sperry. Letter from Seymour. She died April 1883.
- Andrew, Sarah (Pardee), wife of Azariah, son of Job and Lois (Prince) Andrew. She died January 10, 1901, aged 77. Azariah Andrew was born June 29, 1821, died February 23, 1898. Their son Noyes, lives at the old homestead.
- Clark, Emma, daughter of Nathan Clark, married Pearl Sperry.
- Sanford, Mary, daughter of Henry Sanford, died July 27, 1892.
- Sperry, Mary, wife of Sidney Sperry. 1869.
- Smith, Eliza (Sperry), July 11, wife of Theophilus Smith. She died September 27, 1884. 1870.
- Lounsbury, David A., March 6, son of Abram and Emily (Perkins) Lounsbury, was born March 11, 1831, and was the first child baptized in the present church edifice. He lives in Bridgeport.
- Scranton, Andrew, March 6, son of George Scranton, died 1902.
- Lounsbury, Nancy A. (Hopkins), July 3, second wife of David A. Lounsbury. She died February 24, 1877, aged 49. 1874.
- Lounsbury, Julia Ann (Ladue), November 1, first wife of William H., son of Crownage Lounsbury. Letter from Presbyterian church, New York. She died December 29, 1892.
- Sperry, Eugene S., November 1, son of Sidney Sperry. He lives in Florida. 1876.
- Woodruff, William Louis, March 19, cut off by vote of church, November 1877.
- Woodruff, Julia B., March 19, wife of the Rev. William L. Woodruff. Became an Episcopalian, 1877.
- Osgood, Lucy M., (March 19) Letter from Plainsville Cong. church. Dismissed by letter.
- Forbes, Katie M., (March 19) Letter from Plainsville Cong. church. Married Chester A. Bailey. Dismissed by letter. 1878.
- Beard, Grace, daughter of Allen Beard, (Jan. 20) Dismissed to Pres. church, Aspen, Colo.
- Clark, Edwin, (Sept. 8) son of Nathan and Sarah (Lounsbury) Clark, was organist of the church for many years. He moved to Seymour in 1913.
- Clark, Hannah (Basham), (Sept. 8) wife of Edwin N. Clark.
- Lounsbury, Ives D., (Sept. 8) son of David and Nancy (Hopkins) Lounsbury. Lives in Woodbridge.
- Burnet, Frank, (Sept. 8) Dismissed to church in West Haven, April, 1879.



THE GATE SCHOOL.

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| <p>Robbins, Lucretia S., (Sept. 8) Lives in Hamden.</p> <p>Davis, Martha A., (Sept. 8.) Dismissed to Park street church, Bridgeport, Nov. 4, 1883.</p> <p>Lounsbury, Margaret (Billervell), (Sept. 8) third wife of David A. Lounsbury. Lives in Bridgeport.</p> <p>Cutler, Francis B., (Sept. 8.) Letter from M. E. church, Bethany. Dismissed to M. E. church, Orangeville, Ohio, Feb. 1879.</p> <p>Philips, Mrs. Emily J., (Aug.) yetter from Cheshire Cong. church. 1881.</p> <p>Hitchcock, Ransom, (Jan. 2) son of Amos and Abby Louise (Judson) Hitchcock. He married Mary Russell. He was born Jan. 6. 1835; died March 5, 1905.</p> <p>Lacey, Arthur J., (Jan. 2) married Kate S. Beard, daughter of Allen Beard.</p> <p>Johnson, Harriet A. (Wellman), (March 6) wife of Dwight L. Johnson.</p> | <p>Peck, Lydia Ann, (March 6) wife of Harry F. Peck.</p> <p>Wellman, Urania B., (May) Letter from 2nd Cong. church, of Watertown. She died Feb. 10, 1887.</p> <p>Barnard, Andrew J., (July 17) Letter from 2nd Cong. church, of Watertown. 1883.</p> <p>Peck, Harry F., (March 4) son of Justus and Jane (French) Peck.</p> <p>Megin, James Lee, (April 1) son of Hugh and Marietta (Dorman) Megin. Was soldier in the Civil war.</p> <p>Megin, Orrie Jane (Hotchkiss), (April 1) wife of James L. Megin.</p> <p>Megin, Lucia Charlotte, (Apr. 1) daughter of James and Orrie Jane (Hotchkiss) Megin. She married William Haskell and lives in Chicopee, Mass.</p> <p>Horsfall, Thomas, (April 1.) Letter from 3rd Cong. church of New Haven. He has been a deacon of the church since April 1, 1883.</p> |
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- Horsfall, Elvira Virginia, (April 1) wife of Deacon Thomas Horsfall, daughter of Stiles and Susan (Andrew) Russell. She died Aug. 24, 1891.
- McClure, Minnie Rebecca, (May 6) married Theodore Downs, son of Elbert and Catharine (Bailey) Downs. 1886.
- Hitchcock, Mary Alice, (March 21) daughter of Ransom and Mary (Russell) Hitchcock. She married M. Goldsmith. Resides in Portland, Oregon.
- Hitchcock, Carolyn Louise, (March 21) daughter of Ransom and Mary (Russell) Hitchcock. Married John E. Hinman.
- Sperry, Isabel Emily, (March 21) daughter of Pearl and Emma (Clark) Sperry.
- Sperry, Isadora Sarah, (March 21) daughter of Pearl and Emma (Clark) Sperry. Removed to Ansonia, Conn.
- Peck, Mary Elizabeth, (March 21) daughter of Rev. Edmund and Elizabeth (Smith) Peck. She lost her life in the fire that destroyed their home, Jan. 4, 1902, aged 33. The Rev. Edmund perished also, aged 84.
- Munson, Florence Betsy, (March 21) daughter of Alva Keep and Betsy (Hitchcock) Munson. Married Elson E. Beecher.
- Rosha, Clifton DeWitt, (March 21) son of Adrian and Fanny (Hotchkiss) Rosha. He has been a deacon of the church since Aug., 1895.
- Peck, Henry Bigelow, (March 21) son of Harry and Lydia Peck. He died March 12, 1898. 1894.
- Wellman, Burton M., (May 13) lives on the Darius Driver farm, Bethany.
- Wellman, Lucy, (May 13) wife of Burton M. Wellman.
- Johnson, Walter B., (May 13) son of Dwight and Harriet Johnson. Married and lives in Seymour.
- Hitchcock, Annie S., (May 13) daughter of Ransom and Mary (Russell) Hitchcock.
- Moddell, Frederick W., (May 13) dismissed to Cong. church, Bridgeport.
- Moddell, Mary J., (May 13) dismissed to Cong. church, Bridgeport.
- Lacey, Mabel, (July 15) daughter of Arthur and Kate (Beard) Lacey. Married April 9, 1901 to Fred Lucius Andrew of Beacon Falls.
- Lacey, Ethel, (July 15) daughter of Arthur and Kate (Beard) Lacey. Was graduated from Northfield Seminary, and intended to become a missionary. She married—. Died in Syracuse, N. Y., Nov., 1907.
- Stahnke, Emma, (July 15) daughter of Frank and Emma (Engle) Stahnke, who were born in Germany. She married Francis Ferdinandus and lives in New Haven. Dismissed to the Dwight Place church, New Haven, April 19, 1896. 1897.
- Sperry, Harold C., (June 27) son of Pearl P. Sperry. 1899.
- Clark, Lena B., (Oct. 22) daughter of Edwin and Hannah (Basham) Clark. Married.
- Lounsbury, Bertha E., (Oct. 22) daughter of David and Margaret (Billerswell) Lounsbury. Married July 1, 1908, Alton Parker Christain. Lives in Bridgeport, Conn.
- Lepper, Hanry, (Oct. 22) lives in Nauugatuck, Conn. Was blinded in an accident a few years ago.
- Lepper, Mrs. Henry, (Oct. 22). 1902.
- Peck, Nelson Justus, (June) son of Harry and Lydia Peck.
- Peck, May, (June) wife of Nelson Peck.
- Wellman, Harriet, (May 10) daughter of Burton and Lucy Wellman. She married Carl, son of Frank and Emma (Engle) Stahnke.
- Johnson, Carrie, wife of Frank Johnson. 1906.
- Burtner, Rev. Otto W., (June) dismissed to First Cong. church, Ansonia, Dec. 2, 1906.

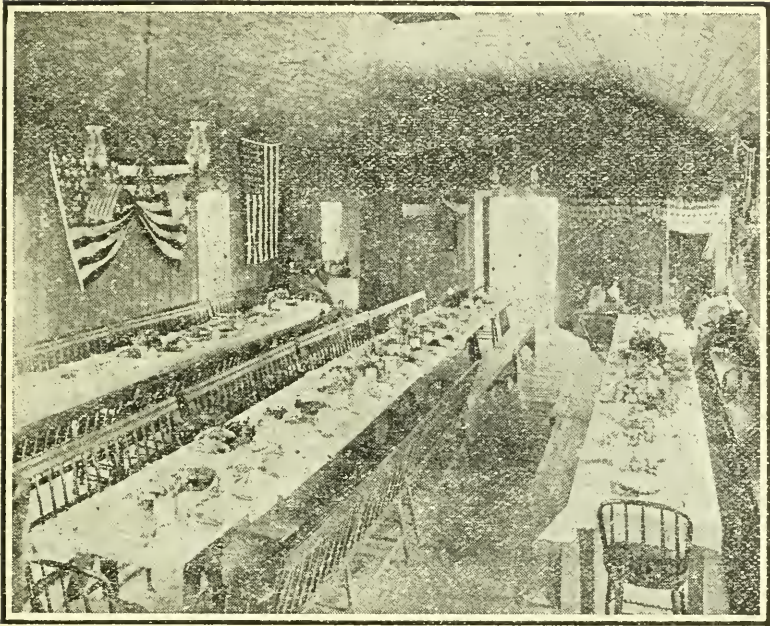


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PERRY'S HALL,

As Prepared for the Dinner at the Time of the 150th Anniversary.

Burtner, Mrs. O. W., (June) dismissed.
1908.

Carrington, Ralph W., (May 3) son of
Abram and Mary Carrington.

Carrington, Auth E., (May 31) daughter
of Abram and Mary Carrington.

Clark, Walter E., (May 3) son of Edwin
and Hannah (Clark). Married Bessie
Botsford. Lives in Seymour. Dis-
missed to Cong. church.

Lacey, Abigail, (May 3) daughter of

Arthur and Kate (Beard) Lacey.

Humiston, Wallace D., (May 24) son of
Dwight and Katie (Downs) Humis-
ton.

1909.

Booth, Mary Stillson, (Sept. 5) wife of
Charles Booth.

Booth, Frances, (Sept. 5) daughter of
Charles and Mary Booth.

Lindemann, Rev. Herman H., (Sept. 5)
dismissed.

BAPTISMS IN THE CHURCH.

May 4, 1828.

Lewis Thomas (adult).
 Betsey Hotchkiss (adult).
 Mary Bradley (adult).
 Caroline Sperry (adult).
 Harriet Emily Thomas (adult).
 Miranda Kimball (adult).
 Harriet Russell (adult).
 Nancy Russell (adult).

May 25, 1828.

Phineas Peck Thomas (son of Lewis)
 Harriet Lydia Thomas (daughter of
 Lewis).

Aug. 10, 1828.

Sarah Lola Lounsbury (daughter of
 Abraham).

July 26, 1828.

Abraham Lounsbury.
 Rhoda Hotchkiss.

Oct. 31, 1829.

Elizabeth Hotchkiss (daughter of
 Philo).

Jarus Buret Hotchkiss (son of Philo).
 Aaron Thomas Hotchkiss (son of
 Philo).

Rebecca Hotchkiss (daughter of
 Philo).

David Lounsbury.

Nov. 1832.

Hart Hotchkiss (son of Hiram).
 Sarah Hotchkiss (daughter of Clark).

March 3, 1833.

Isaac Lounsbury (adult).
 Penina Hotchkiss (adult).
 Susan Ann Platt (adult).
 Sarah L. Platt (adult).

May 5, 1833.

Jane Hotchkiss (adult).

July 23, 1833.

John Thomas (son of Allen).

Sept. 15, 1833.

Mary Hale Tolles (daughter of
 Lewis).

Feb. 16, 1834.

Noyes Sylader Wilmot.

June 1, 1834.

Watson Henry Wilcox (son of Rev.
 Jairus).

July 16, 1837.

Susan Harriet Warren.

June 30, 1843.

Eugene Daniel Butts (son of Rev.
 Daniel).

Sept. 5, 1845.

Edwin White Butts (son of Rev.
 Daniel).

Edgar Giles Smith (infant).

Marion Cecelia Beard (infant).

Nov. 1, 1845.

Lucien Hitchcock (infant).

Ellen Hannah Hitchcock (infant).

Jan. 6, 1850.

Jane French (wife of Justus).

July 20, 1850.

Kate Smith Beard (daughter of Al-
 len).

Irene Julia Hitchcock (daughter of
 Amos).

Emily Prince Hitchcock (daughter of
 Amos).

Ellen Jane Hitchcock (daughter of
 Amos).

Emogene Hitchcock (daughter of
 Amos).

Lucina Sperry.

July 3, 1855.

Sarah M. Beard (daughter of Allen).

Grace Beard (daughter of Allen).

Nov. 29, 1857.

Willis Edwin Ward (adult).

Dec. 6, 1858.

Mary E. Russell.

July 14, 1861.

John C. French (adult).

Marietta French (adult).

Josephine French (daughter of John).

Gertrude French (daughter of John.)

Sept. 8, 1878.

Edwin Nathan Clark.

Ives David Lounsbury.

Frank Burnet.

Lucretia Irene Robbins.

Martha Ann Davis.

Hannah Clark.

Harriet Adeline Johnson.
 Lydia Ann Peck.
 Sept. 5, 1880.
 Isadore Sarah Sperry (child of Pearl).
 Isabel Emily Sperry (child of Pearl)
 Pearl Prince Sperry (child of Pearl)
 Eugene Foster Clark (son of Edwin)
 Walter Edwin Clark (son of Edwin)
 Mary Alice Hitchcock (daughter of Ransom).
 Carrie Louise Hitchcock (daughter of Ransom).
 Annie Stella Hitchcock (daughter of Ransom).
 March 6, 1881.
 Henry Bigelow Peck.
 Nelson Justus Peck.
 Edwin Harry Peck.
 Burton Mitchell Wellman.
 Treat Baldwin Johnson.
 Wilfred James Megin.
 Martha Elizabeth Wellman.
 Frederick Amos Wellman.
 Susan Urania Wellman.
 Harry French Peck.
 March 4, 1883.
 Minnie Rebecca McClure.

 March 21, 1886.
 Florence Betsey Munson.
 Clifton DeWitt Rosh. .
 July 5, 1894.
 Lena Belle Clark.
 Ruby Basham Clark.
 Frank Joseph Clark.
 Harold Clark Sperry.
 Oct. 22, 1899.
 Bertha Emily Lounsbury.
 Dorothy M. Lounsbury.
 April, 1900.
 Dorothy May Lepper.
 Jennie Ellen Lepper.
 Margaret Josephine Lepper.
 Clarke Beecher Johnson.
 Frank Irving Johnson.
 Raymond Nelson Peck.
 Norman Harry Peck.
 Nov. 25, 1906.
 Edwin August Clark.
 Sept. 5, 1909.
 Warren Dwight Johnson.
 June 23, 1912.
 Lawrence Edwin Peck.
 Feb. 9, 1913.
 Edward Anderson.
 Harold Anderson.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Bethany Congregational church was observed on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12, 1913. A large part of the people of the town without respect to creed or church affiliation, were present, as well as an equally large number who arrived in automobiles and teams from adjoining towns. Many present from out of town had hereditary or ancestral connection with Bethany and so showed their loyalty to the old town, as well as to the church which has been so large a factor in the best interests of the community. On Saturday at 10:30 a. m., Rev. Sherrod Soule, of Hartford, gave a very interesting address on "The Debt We Owe to the Country Church." Dinner in Perry's hall followed, and it was served to about two hundred and fifty people.

The afternoon was devoted to after-dinner speaking. Hon. William H. Williams acted as toastmaster. The speakers were Rev. Charles B. Tolman, of Woodbridge, Rev. C. F. Luther of Westville, Rev. George F. Abel, of Seymour, Rev. Leonard E. Todd, of Oakville, Rev. C. B. Strong, of Prospect, Rev. J. W. Newton, of Madison,

Mr. S. G. Davidson, and Rev. John W. Wright.

Charles Hoadley, of Naugatuck, presented the church with an old hatchet which was found in the steeple during the recent repairs, and which shows by its shape and its evident antiquity that it was left there when the church was built. It is mounted in a plush-lined case and a plate bears the name of the donor and the dates 1832-1913.

On Sunday, the exact date of the anniversary, services were held in the church, with a sermon by Rev. H. B. Beach, followed by communion service and the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Read were baptized.

At the afternoon service a historical sketch of the church was read by Wallace Humiston; and Rev. Joel Stone Ives, of Hartford, whose mother was born in Bethany, gave an address.

There was a large attendance, the other town churches being closed, and the people united in the service. The pastor of the Methodist church took part in the morning service. Much of the success of the occasion was due to the fact that everyone in town, without regard for denominational differences, gave their hearty support, making it an "Old Home Day" as well as an anniversary celebration.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CHURCH.

BY WALLACE D. HUMISTON.

Nearly three hundred years ago a number of the wealthy residents of London conceived the plan of a settlement that should be governed with the Bible for its law. They came to New England and in 1638 laid the foundations of New Haven. For a long time it was deemed imprudent to settle far from the cluster of dwell-

ings erected there, but as the years passed the danger from hostile Indians decreased and we find our hardy forefathers pushing out into the forests which surrounded New Haven in search of land fit for farming.

Just about a hundred years after the founding of New Haven, a sufficient number of families had settled



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BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
OCTOBER 11, 1913.

in the region which is now included in Woodbridge and Bethany to warrant the organization of a church. Accordingly the region was formed into the parish of Amity. On the Lord's Day and other occasions our fathers, the hardy pioneers of this forest town, assembled at the Amity meeting-house. For seven or eight miles in all directions these men of God descended from the breezy, life-giving hills, to the temple down in the valley, to pay this debt to the Supreme Ruler of the universe.

But the population of the northern half of Amity Parish was steadily increasing. By 1750 a school house was needed, the first in this town. It not only served as a school house but later, we learn, served as the house of worship for this community. The first step toward separation from Amity Parish occurred in 1755. The General Assembly granted "winter parish privileges to the inhabitants of the northern parts of Amity." This means that during the cold months of the year the people were free to engage a minister. During the summer they worshipped as of old at the meeting house in Amity.

It was in 1762 that complete separation from Amity was effected and the name "Bethany" first appeared upon the map of Connecticut. A charter was granted by the General Assembly, which made Bethany a distinct ecclesiastical society, with all the privileges and powers belonging to such parishes.

The first meeting of this society was held Nov. 13, 1762. A few months later the society applied "unto the Reverend Association for their advice" concerning a candidate to preach in said society in order for settlement. The association held its meeting in Waterbury May 31, and the minute on this subject as recorded by Rev. Warham Williams, contains these words, "We, having maturely consid-

ered the matter, unanimously advise said society to Mr. Stephen Hawley as a suitable person, highly approving of him for that purpose." Eventually Mr. Hawley was invited to become pastor. His reply to the call has been preserved and may be seen in the vestibule.

At the society meeting in September it was voted that the ordination take place on the second Wednesday in October and that on the first Wednesday a fast preparatory to the ordination should be observed. At the same meeting it was voted that a committee apply unto the Rev. Moderator of the Consociation of New Haven county in order to settle the church of Christ in Bethany, according unto the established ecclesiastical constitution of this colony, and to transact all the affairs of the society that are necessary in carrying on said ordination.

The tradition is that the ordination services were performed in the open air, in a field where now stands the house of Mr Collins, Oct 12, 1763. The sermon was delivered by that eminent divine, Dr. Joseph Bellamy, of Bethlehem. Mr. Hawley was a native of New Milford and was graduated at Yale College in 1759, in the same class with Dr. Trumbull, of North Haven.

Three years after the settlement of Mr. Hawley it was considered necessary to build a larger meeting house to accommodate the increasing congregation, and application was made to the county court for a committee to look over the situation and choose a site. Much difficulty was experienced in choosing a suitable location, and three successive committees were elected before a location could be agreed upon, and even then a third of the members were dissatisfied. The site was located on the north side of the road leading over the hill from the "shunpike," so called, near the residence of the late James Cotter.

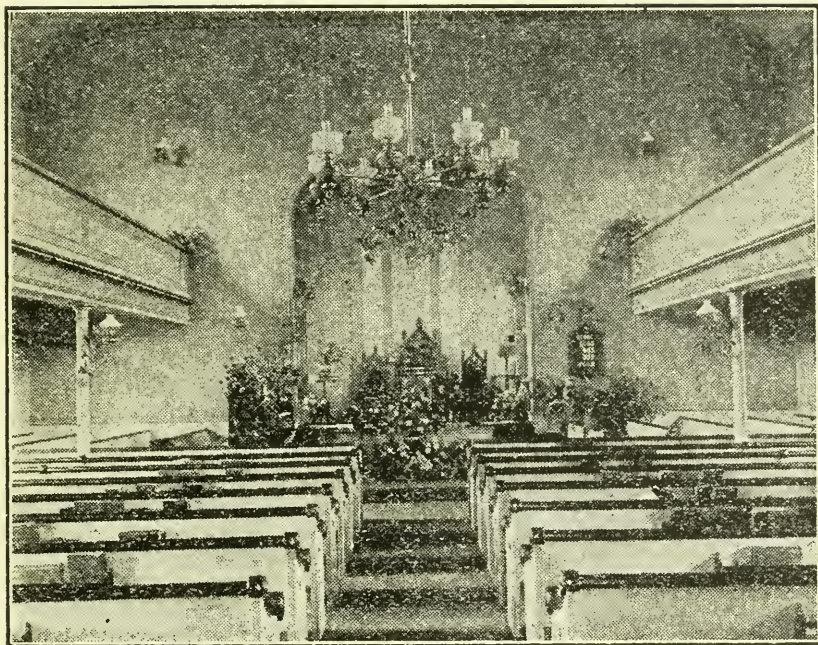


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INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH,

As Decorated for the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

The meadow opposite his house was the meeting house green, the church being on the western side. On the north was the mansion of Dr Hezekiah Hooker, and on the south and east sides, respectively, the residences of Rev. Stephen Hawley and Capt. Ebenezer Dayton, of Revolutionary fame.

It was planned to build the meeting house of material furnished by the inhabitants. In December, 1767, it was voted that "we will provide the boards, clapboards, shingles, nails and glass, necessary for building the meeting house the year ensuing." A tax was laid and it was decided that one half might be paid in "flax seed or some other species that will answer in New

York." The building was to be forty feet in width by fifty-five feet long. It was ordered "that those that score timber for the meeting house shall have two shillings sixpence per day; and those that hew shall have three shillings sixpence per day." Deacon John White and Deacon Hotchkiss were appointed "to cull the clapboards and the shingles for the meeting house." The building of the meeting house progressed slowly. It was occupied in January, 1770, but it was not entirely finished until many years after that date.

The steeple and bell were added in 1803. Now indeed the society had a church edifice in which a just pride

could be taken. It was one of the largest and finest in this section. Besides the galleries and choir loft it contained nearly thirty large square pews, arranged in two central "square bodies" and in a row about the sides, with the exception of spaces reserved for the pulpit and the three entrances. The pulpit was on the western side of the meeting house and was reached by stairs. The whole was surmounted by a huge green sounding board. Beneath the pulpit was a long seat on which the deacons sat facing the people. The tall white spire rising high o'er the verdant hills of Bethany was one of the most conspicuous objects that met the sailor's eye as he entered New Haven harbor.

In 1783 the parishes of Amity and Bethany united their efforts in seeking to secure town privileges, but they could not agree as to the location of the town house or public hall. After Bethany had made many proposals, none of which were accepted by Amity, it was decided to petition the general assembly for the incorporation of Bethany as a separate town, but, however, the two parishes finally effected an agreement and they were incorporated as one town, called Woodbridge, in honor of Rev. Benjamin Woodbridge, the first pastor. Similar attempts were made in 1802 and 1804 to have the parish incorporated as a town, and at last successfully in 1832.

Mr. Hawley became too infirm at about sixty to be able to preach constantly especially during the winter months. But he continued to officiate more or less until 1803, the year before his death. He was then a trembling old man with white locks. He was often led into the church and assisted into the pulpit, and was sometimes able to deliver only a part of his discourse. He was tall and very spare and his appearance made a deep impression on the young.

Mr. Hawley died in July, 1804, after

a pastorate of over forty years. His grave is in the old cemetery, marked by a tombstone which was erected at the centennial celebration of the church in 1863.

When Mr. Hawley's health became so poor that he could no longer officiate, Rev. Isaac Jones was called by the church as a colleague pastor. He was born in New Haven Feb. 16, 1775, and was graduated from Yale in 1792 at the age of seventeen. He was ordained June 6, 1804, and the sermon which he preached soon after as his inaugural address was printed. Mr. Jones's short pastorate was a stormy one. Dissatisfaction with him arose among some of the members, and factions were formed which led to one of the greatest ecclesiastical wars that the rural towns of Connecticut have ever known. Matters reached such a magnitude that Mr. Jones was tried before the association, and his connection with that body was severed. He was later restored upon a public confession assented to before a three-days' session of the two consociations of New Haven county, but in 1807 the New Haven West association declared that Mr. Jones had not complied with the advice of the previous session and he was therefore without ministerial authority. His farewell sermon was preached in the hall of the Wheeler house in 1808. His text was from Jeremiah, "Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard." Mr. Jones became an Episcopalian and many of his congregation followed his example. He was the first rector of Christ church, Bethany for two years. Most of his subsequent life was spent in Litchfield where he died in 1850.

The third pastor of this church was Nathaniel G. Huntington, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut. He was born in 1785 and was graduated from Yale in 1806. He came to Bethany in 1809 and was ordained and installed on Aug. 22 of the following year. About two

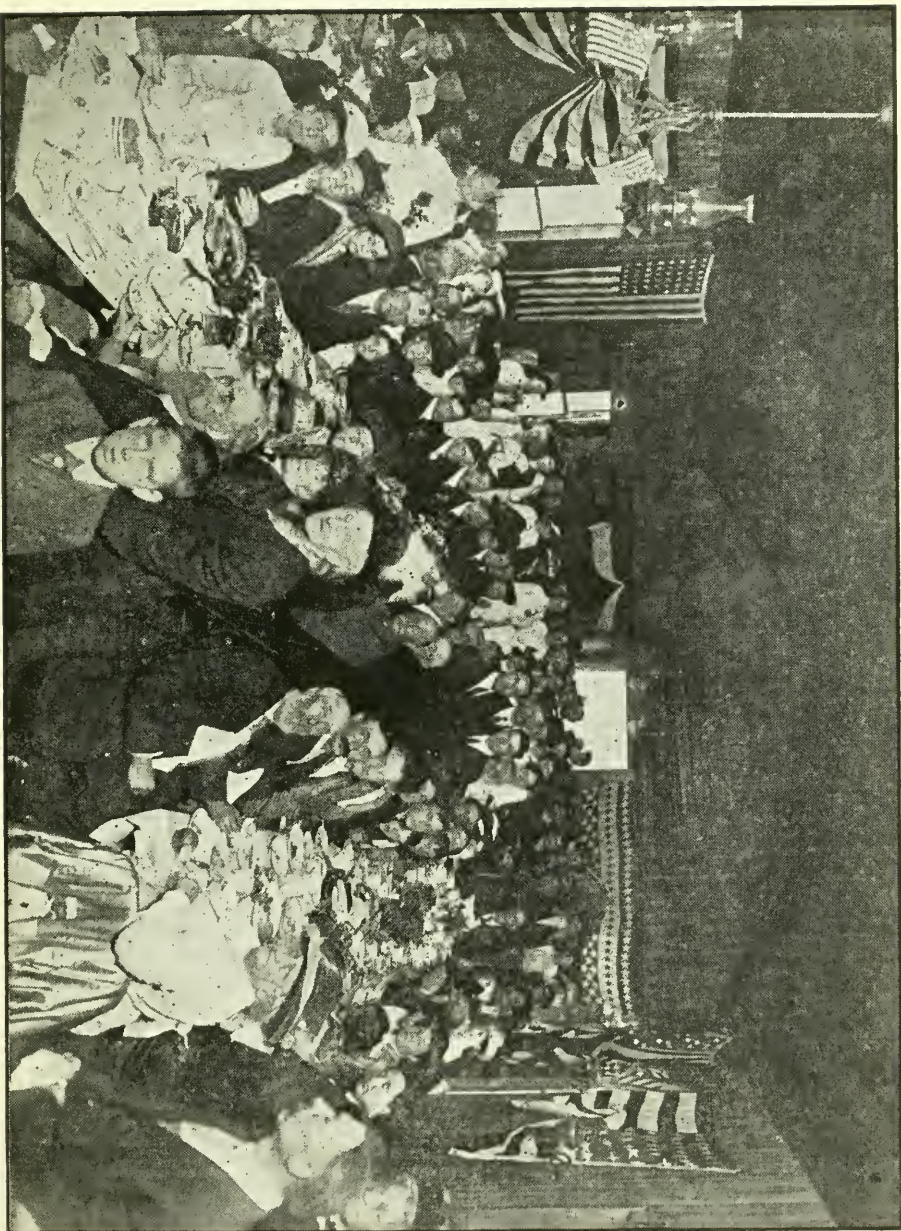


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AT THE DINING TABLES IN PERRY'S HALL ON SATURDAY, OCT. 11TH.

years after his ordination Mr. Huntington had a hemorrhage and during the remainder of his pastorate his health was poor. As it continued to grow worse he asked to be dismissed in 1823. He remained in Bethany for a year or two, then he moved to Oxford and finally to Orange where he died Feb. 10, 1848.

The old meeting-house on the hill was torn down early in 1831 and the green was sold.

The present house of worship was built during the summer and much of the material of the old meeting house was incorporated into the new, so that much of this present structure dates from 1769. The dedication services occurred Oct. 13, 1831. Dr. Nathaniel Taylor, for years a noted professor in Yale Divinity school, was then the acting pastor of this church. He preached the dedication sermon from the text, "This is none other than the House of God and this is the Gate of Heaven."

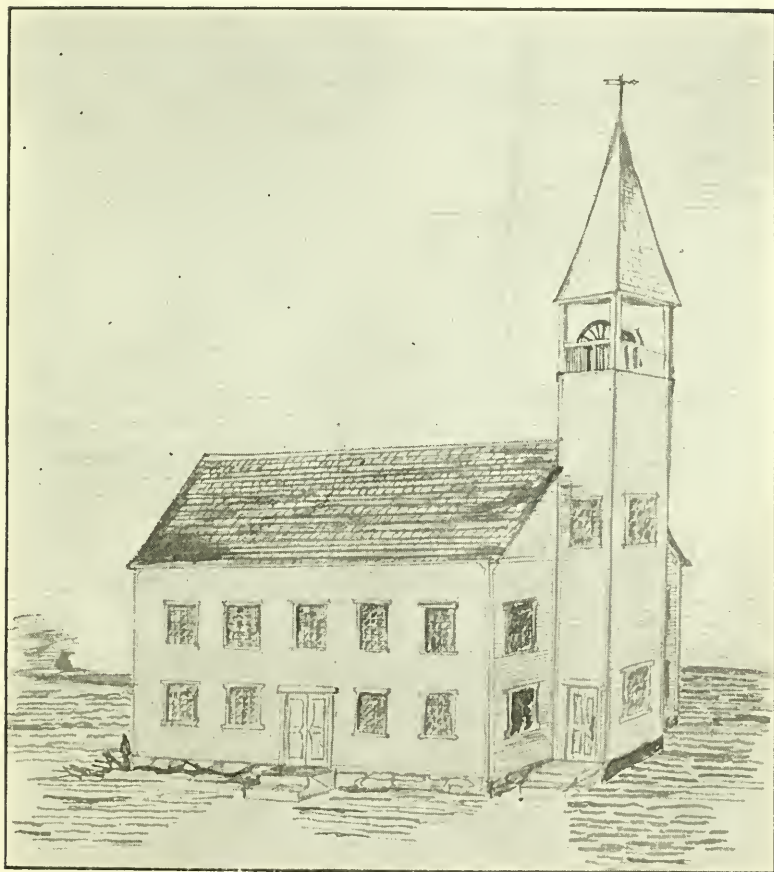
It has come to us a heritage from the past, a good example of colonial architecture. Originally there was a porch with two large pillars in front, as in the Woodbridge church which was built a year later than this. Also the old pews, with doors, were replaced many years ago. Some of the doors are preserved in the wainscot of the choir loft.

The bell of the old meeting house was placed in the steeple in 1803. One Saturday evening some young men turned it bottom-up and filled it with water. Their plan involved a shower-

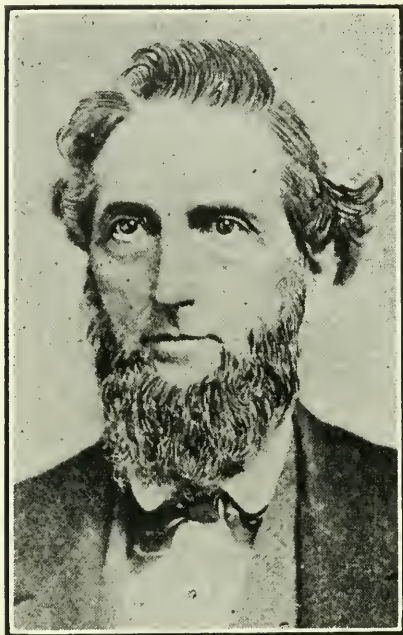
bath for the sexton when he rang the bell the next morning, but the night was so cold that it froze the water and caused the bell to crack. It was used for many years after that event, but it had a "dingle" in its voice. It was replaced in 1851 by the fine old bell which now calls the people to worship.

Since the time of Nathaniel Huntington many ministers have served this church. Some of the important pastorates, because of length or influence, were those of E. W. Robinson, S. C. Brace, D. M. Elwood and C. S. MacFarland. Mr. Brace was editor of the North American Review before he became pastor here. It was largely due to his efforts that the centennial was observed fifty years ago. He died in Philadelphia in 1897. It was in that year that C. S. MacFarland was ordained in this little church. He remained here three years. Dr. MacFarland has risen high in the ministerial ranks as an author and a preacher. He is at present executive secretary of the federal council of churches. Absence on the Pacific coast prevents him from being present today.

Thus have we traced the principal vicissitudes of this part of the church of Christ down the stream of time for one hundred and fifty years. At times ever since the incorporation the storm and whirlwind have passed over it, but by the kindness of Providence it still stands firm among its sister churches of the community.

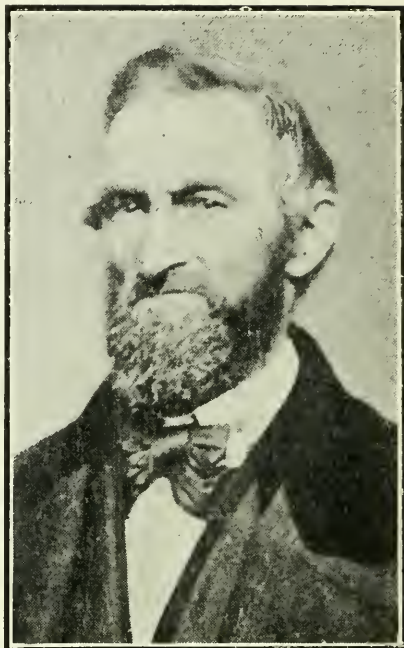


THE BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL "MEETINGHOUSE,"
1769—1831.



NATHAN CLARK.

Nathan Clark born in what is now Bethany, in 1824, was a son of Isaac and grandson of Isaac, both of whom were natives of Milford, Conn. Isaac Clark, the father of Nathan, married Esther, daughter of Deacon Joseph Treat, descended from Robert Treat, who was lieutenant-governor of the State of Connecticut 17 years, and governor 15 years. Isaac Clark held the office of selectman of the town of Woodbridge for eight years in succession. Nathan Clark was elected town clerk and treasurer of the town of Bethany in 1855, and held those offices continuously until 1881. He was elected probate judge in 1862, and held the office continuously until his death in 1893. He was also postmaster of Bethany for eight years, from 1855 to 1863. He was a member of the Congregational Society and was a member of the Society's Committee for nearly thirty years.



DEA. THEOPHILUS SMITH.

Deacon Theophilus Smith came to Bethany while young and by the energy and uprightness of his character won prominence and influence in the community. He was received a member of the church by letter from Milford January 7th 1827. He taught a High School, the first in town, and later kept a store and an inn near the junction of the turnpike and Center street, and by reason of the great amount of travel over the turnpike was well patronized. It was the custom when the pulpit was supplied by ministers from New Haven for them to come out to his Inn and be his guests over Sunday. He was a deacon of the church for many years. He was very earnest and efficient in church matters and was thoroughly conscientious in all affairs of his business life. He died February 21st, 1849, aged 23 years. He married first, Elizabeth Beecher, daughter of Lysias Beecher, who died March 30, 1830, aged 31. He married second, Eliza L. Beecher, who died September 27, 1884. His daughter, Elizabeth B., was the wife of Rev. Edmund Peck.

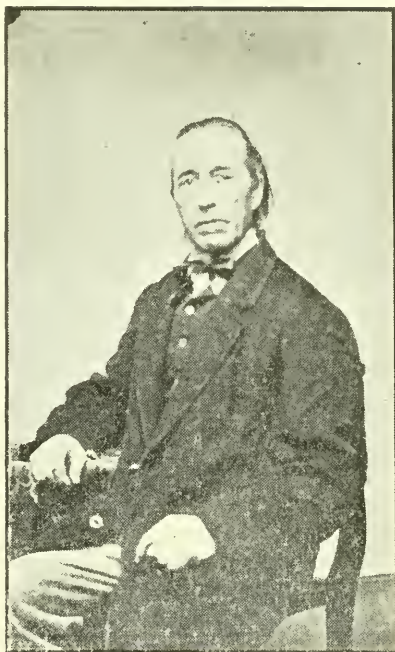


JUSTUS PECK.

Justus Peck was one of the Society's Committee for many years and acted as fund agent until his death, Feb. 3, 1885. His son, Harry F. Peck, has acted as chairman of the fund committee and fund agent since 1885.

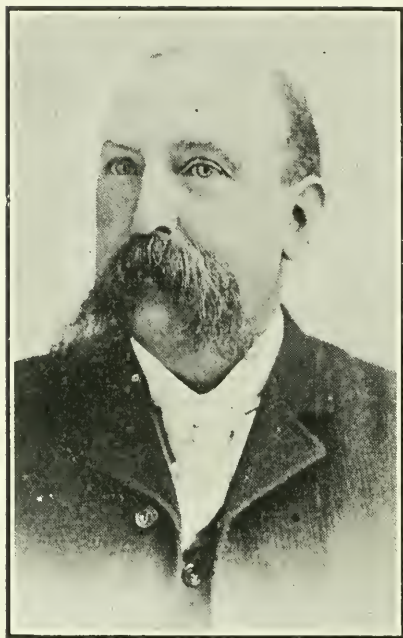
Rev. Joel S. Ives, Registrar of the Congregational House, Hartford, is a grandson of Richard Stone of Bethany whose name appears as holder of one of the pews in the Congregational church in 1800.

Rev. John Thomas Andrew, son of Jonathan Andrew, was born in Bethany July 19, 1811, graduated from Yale College in 1839, and at Yale Seminary in 1842, and taught in Cornwall 1842-1844, being prevented from continuing in the ministry by throat difficulties. He married Sept. 9, 1839, Jane Ann, daughter of Caleb Jones of Cornwall, whom he outlived, and died there May 3, 1887, aged 76.



DEACON CLARK HOTCHKISS.

Clark Hotchkiss, born Mar. 25, 1803, son of Isaac Hotchkiss, was a deacon of the church for more than sixty years. He married Caroline, daughter of Chillon Sperry, and they had two sons and six daughters. Isaac, who married Mary Reid and lived in Michigan; Martha, married Lyman Gaylord, lived in Wisconsin; Mary, m. a Mr. Hicock; Sarah, died in infancy; Fanny E., 2d wife of Adrian Rosha; Julia, m. Thomas Higgins of Ansonia; Anna, m. Adrian Rosha, died in 1873; and Arthur, m. Julia P. Sperry. Deacon Hotchkiss lived in the house now occupied by his grandson, Dea. Clifton D. Rosha. His parents lived in a house which stood a little further south. Dea. Hotchkiss died July 3, 1890, aged 87 years.



EDWIN N. CLARK.

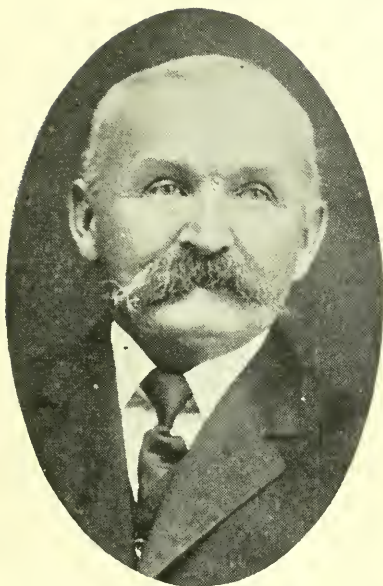
Edwin N. Clark succeeded his father as town clerk and town treasurer and filled these offices for thirty years, and that of judge of probate for sixteen years, and was clerk of the Congregational church 35 years, from 1877 to 1912, when he removed to Seymour.

Deacon Thomas Horsfall was a member of the Society's Committee for a number of years and was a member of the committee of arrangements for the 150th anniversary celebration.



HARRY FRENCH PECK.

Harry French Peck, chairman of the Church Fund Committee, has repeatedly been elected to a number of the most responsible offices in the gift of his townsmen. He has been Selectman, Assessor, member of the Board of Relief, and Town Auditor, and represented the town in the General Assembly in 1895 and was then the first and only Republican elected to the General Assembly since the town was incorporated, sixty-two years before, receiving over two votes to his opponent's one. During his early years he followed farming on his father's farm, one of the best in the town of Bethany, and attended to the repairing of farming utensils, and finding this work one to which he was peculiarly adapted he built a shop near his house and contracted for repairs to farming implements, besides shoeing horses and oxen, work so much in demand in a farming community, and so favorably known did his shoeing become that frequently oxen were sent as much as ten miles over the hills to his shop. He owns a farm of 285 acres, sending therefrom large quantities of farm produce to the city.



DWIGHT L. HUMISTON.

Dwight L. Humiston is a native of Hamden but has been a resident of Bethany for many years. He has been one of the selectmen of the town for a number of years and in the fall of 1896 his fellow townsmen showed their appreciation of his sterling qualities by electing him to represent the town in the General Assembly of 1897, which he did with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents.



REV. JOHN W. WRIGHT.

Pastor in 1913.

Errata.

Page 147, instead of Rev. Philip J. Phelps should be Rev. Philip J. Ralph.

Page 174, for Charles Hoadley read Charles C. Hoadley.

Page 178, 1st column, 17th line, after objects, add—"on the distant horizon."



ELSON E. BEECHER.
Chairman Anniversary Committee.



WALLACE D. HUMISTON.
Historian of the Church,

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES.

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Elson E. Beecher.	Rev. John W. Wright.
Dea. Thomas Horsfall.	Dea. Clifton Rosha.
Nelson J. Peck.	Wallace D. Humiston.

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Mrs. May Peck.	Miss Alice Richards.
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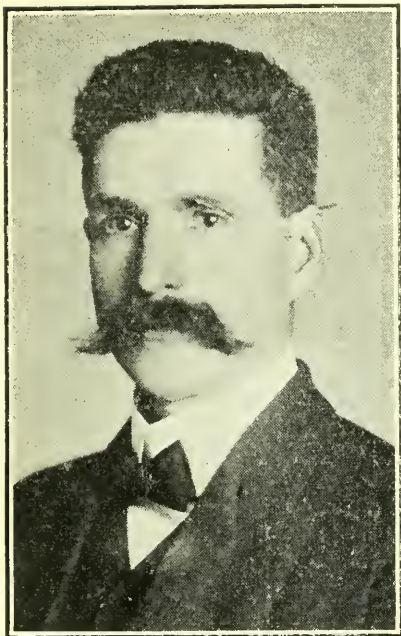
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	Nelson J. Peck.

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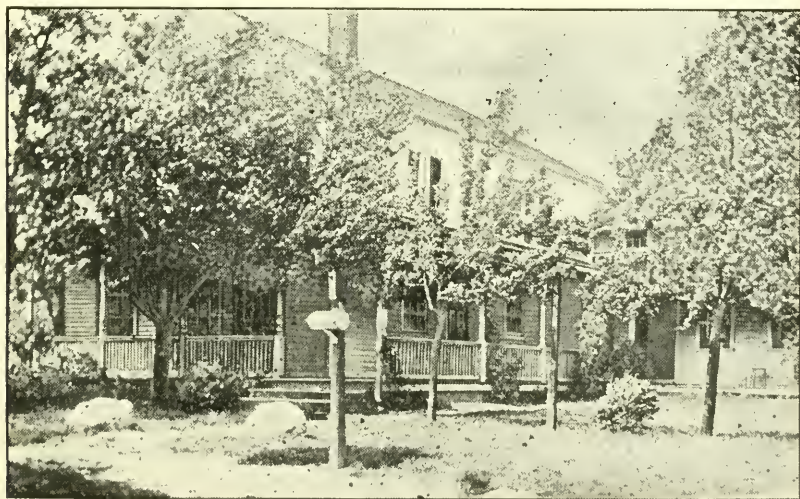
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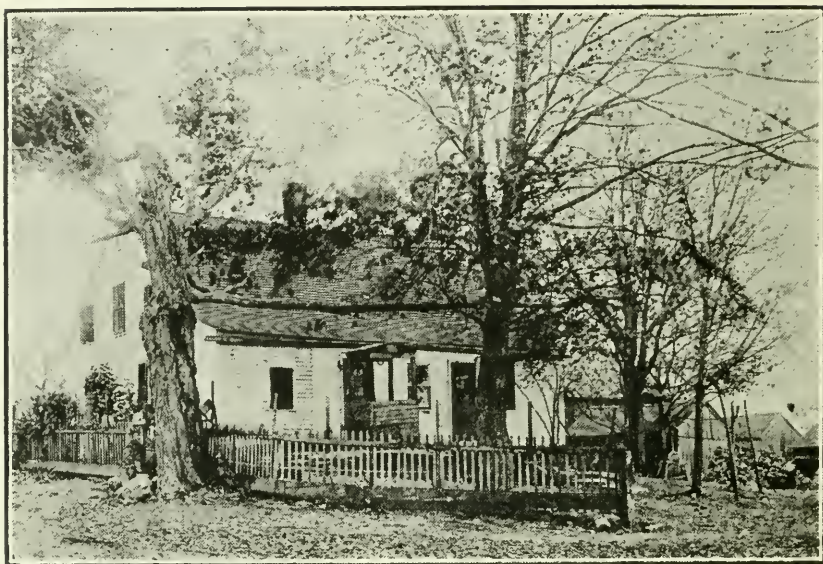
DEA. CLIFTON D. ROSHA.



NELSON J. PECK,
Of the Anniversary Committee.



RESIDENCE OF H. F. PECK.



THE FREDERICK WARNER HOUSE, SOUTH BETHANY.

REV. ISRAEL PERKINS WARREN, D. D.

One of the clergymen whose name is recalled in connection with the recent anniversary celebration was Israel Perkins Warren, D. D., who was born in Bethany Apr. 8, 1814, in a house which stood near the old red schoolhouse of the Gate District. His boyhood was spent with his grandfather, Israel Perkins, who gave him a liberal education at Yale, where he was graduated in 1838, and from Yale Divinity school, class of 1842.

He served as pastor of the churches in Granby, Mt. Carmel and Plymouth successively. The remainder of his life was spent in editorial work

From 1850 to 1859 he was corresponding secretary of the Seamen's Friend Society, New York City. Later he was secretary and editor of the American Trust Society of Boston, and then until his death he published and edited the Christian Mirror of Portland, Maine. Dr. Warren was the author of many books, among them, "Chauncey Judd," and "The Three Judges." Not long before his death he made a visit to Bethany and he wrote a very interesting account of his stay. He died in Portland, Maine, Oct. 9, 1892.





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